

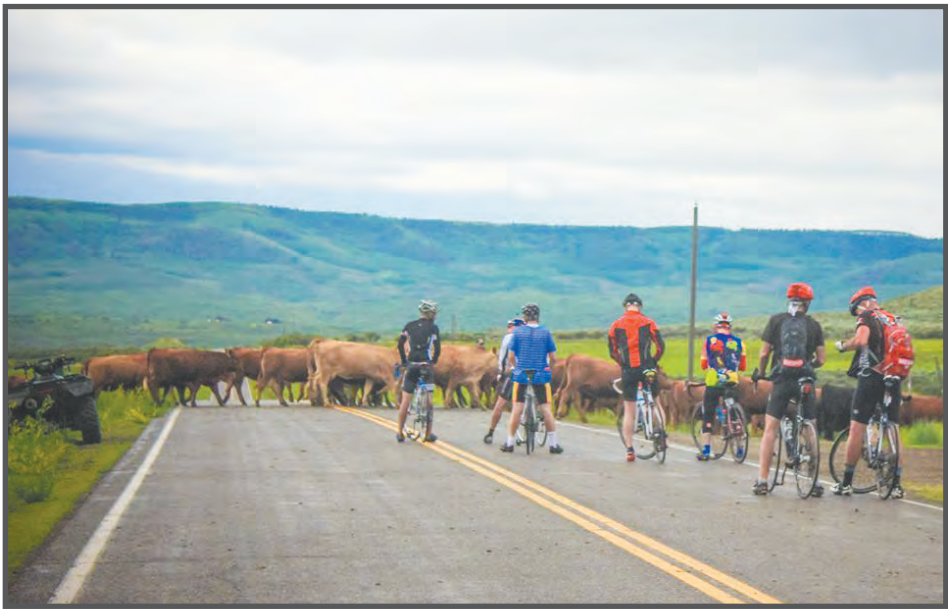


Ride the Rockies Comes to Town

Tomorrow, Saturday, the 2,000 bicycle riders of the Ride the Rockies arrive at the finish line in Westcliffe after their 464 mile, 6-day ride thru Colorado’s beautiful Rocky Mountains. The welcome event starts at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m with the actual finish line being at the end of Main Street. It is the 30th anniversary of the event.

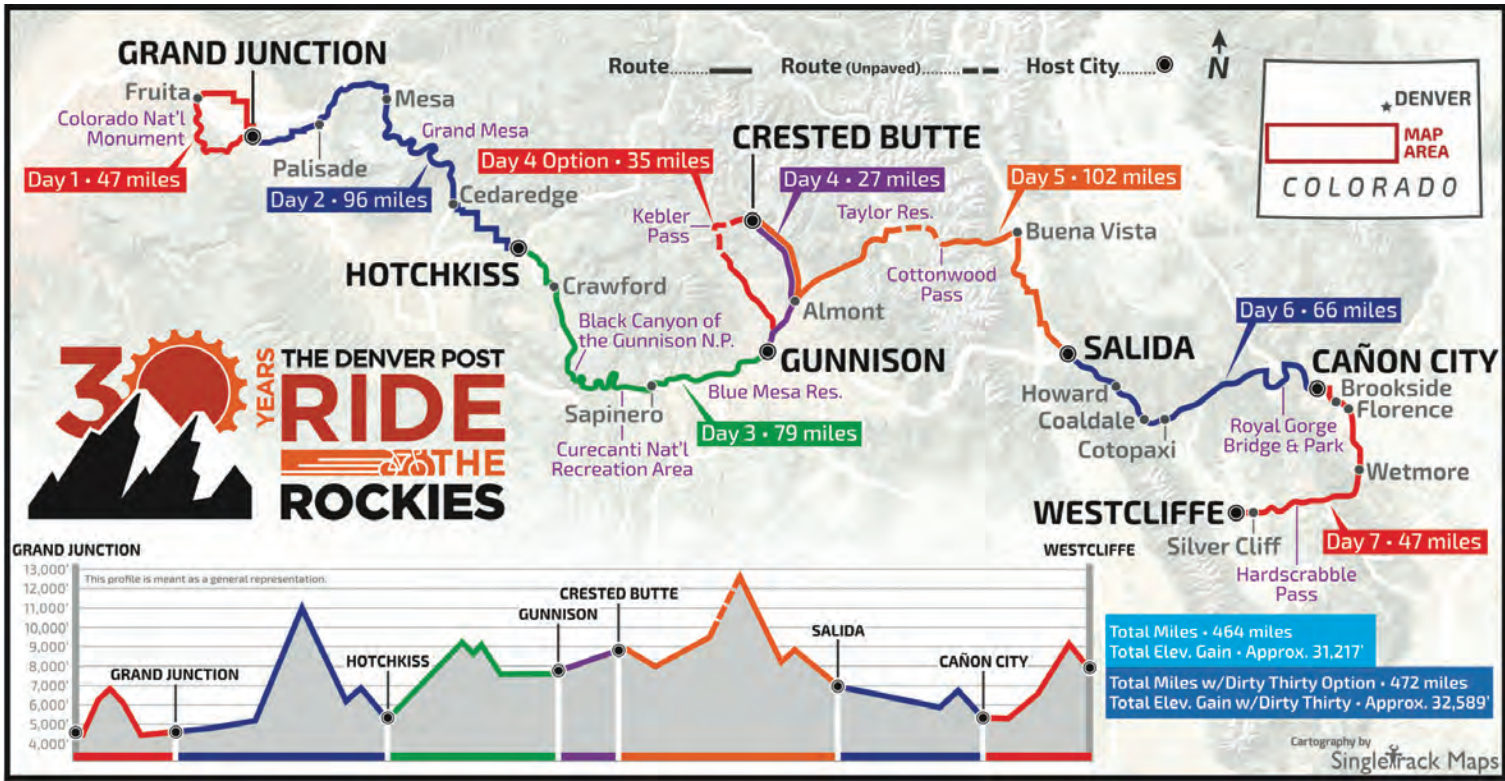
There will be around 30 vendors located on The Bluffs all day with a great food selection. The beer tent will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be live entertainment starting with the Deja Blues Band from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Second Street Dance Team from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. and finishing with the Flash Cadillac band from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The closing ceremony starts at 3 p.m. with a Bianchi bike prize, and closing remarks on the race by the Tour Director Chandler Smith and Donna Hood from Westcliffe.

The riders will be starting the final stage on Saturday from Cañon City in the morning and will ride primarily on Highway 67 to Highway 96 (up Hardscrabble Canyon) to Main Street, Westcliffe.



An unscheduled rest stop on Day 3 of Ride the Rockies.

Courtesy photo from Ride the Rockies



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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

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We will not be constrained by the illogical, misleading and inaccurate thinking and use of "political correctness" but by truth, facts, logic and common sense.

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Our Opinion... From the Editorial Board AMERICA'S HEADLINES



Ponder for a moment these recent headlines in America's news:

CLINTONS ARE SCANDAL MAGNETS, VOTERS DON'T SEEM TO CARE

WAR ON COPS

TEACHER SUES SCHOOL DISTRICT OVER RELIGIOUS CLUB

6 MORE GITMO DE-TAINEES RELEASED; GITMO BEING EMP-TIED BY FIAT

MORE STATES CON-SIDER LEGALIZING POT

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BAN WATER GUN FIGHTS / CON-SIDER GAY LEADERS

LA UNIONS: MINI-MUM WAGE FOR YOU, NOT US

GAY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD COMES OUT AT GRAD CEREMONY; STANDING OVATION

GAY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD DENIED COM-ING OUT SPEECH AT CEREMONY

TSA HIRED TERROR-ISTS, FAIL 95% OF SECURITY TESTS

BRUCE IS NOW CAITLYN; WINS ESPY AWARD

WHITE WOMAN DECLARES HERSELF BLACK, BECOMES NAACP LEADER

EPA TO CONTROL WATER PUDDLES

AND INTERMITTENT STREAMS

U.S. ECONOMY DOWNGRADED BY IMF

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES BECOMING THE NORM

MARRIAGE AT LOW-EST LEVELS EVER

VETERANS AFFAIRS STILL NOT TAK-ING CARE OF VETS, NEEDS MAJOR RE-FORM

ARMY GENERAL IN-TRODUCES HIS HUS-BAND AT PENTAGON LBGT PRIDE EVENT

TRANS FATS BANNED BY FDA

CA STATE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RULING THAT U.S. FLAG CAN BE OFFEN-SIVE

We don't know about you, depending on your age, but this is not the America we remember growing up in. During Hillary's campaign speech last week she claimed the Republicans are all about Yesterday. Maybe so. And maybe that's not such a bad thing for America. Politicians always talk about "moving America forward or changing America," That would be good for some things like the economy, more jobs, and a stronger defense. How has the "change" we've seen the last six and one half years worked out for us? It sure isn't a good thing when it

creates headlines like those above. Maybe the morality and mores of Yesterday would be good for America. Things like strong traditional families being the norm, pride in and love for America as a force for good, God back in our government and our schools, Christian values that our country was founded on and respect for authority, the police, and the law. Even the President of the United States doesn't respect our laws. This is good? This is progress? If this is good, if this is enlightenment, if this is the future of America, we want to return to Yesterday. What exactly was so wrong about saying a prayer in school, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and loving this country? What was so wrong about respecting the law, the police, and our teachers? What was so wrong about taking one's education seriously so one could support themselves and their families instead of relying on the government for more and more? What was so wrong about respecting your employer and showing up for work every day and on time? We believe a lot of these things made us a better country. There sure wasn't any such thing as Home-Grown Terrorists in America Yesterday. We believe that returning to the values and work ethic of Yesterday might be a good thing for America. Progress and change is not necessarily a good thing. Check out the headlines again.

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day. It's a day to honor our fathers. If you are still fortunate enough to be able to talk to or hug your father, do so. Be thankful if you can still do that. You are one of the lucky ones. So many young people don't

have a father in their life. So if you do, make that day count. And one more thing, most dads don't need another tie or a bottle of after-shave. A handwritten note or phone call expressing your love for them is perfect. Happy Father's Day to all you fathers out there. Thanks for all you do.

2ND AMENDMENT RALLY AND MARCH

AT THE WESTCLIFFE JULY 4TH PARADE

RESTORE THE 2ND AMENDMENT

Join the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in their section in the Westcliffe, CO

July 4th Parade.

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Bring your rifles and holstered handguns!

It is Time to STAND UP.

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Stand up for your rights.

Assemble at 9:15 AM, July 4th at the east end of Main Street (Hwy 96), Silver Cliff/Westcliffe, CO at the open field just west of the Mining Company Restaurant (with convenience store and gas station).

Firearm Protocol: Rifles: unloaded, safety on, no detachable magazines inserted in rifle, chamber flag appreciated, MUST BE SLUNG on shoulder or back. No handling of weapons during the parade. All rifles welcome. Hand Guns: Holstered, open carry. No handling of weapons during the parade.

Any questions email the Southern Colorado Patriots at SCPatriotsClub@aol.com or see the SCP website at scpatriotsclub.com.



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GUNS: Winchester Model 12, 1912, 12 Gauge; Rifle Winchester Thompson Center; Colt 38 Special; Remington 30-06, Model 742, Semi-automatic with 2 Magazines; Remington Model 600, .308; New Winchester's; More Coming; 2 Reloading Presses; New Tanning Board/Hide Stretcher.

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ANTIQUES: US Cavalry Bits & Spurs; Ornamental Bear Traps; Wood Beam Plow; Cultivators; Ornamental Wheels; Singer Sewing Machine w/Stand; Carriage Lamps; Wrenches, Scythes; Milk Cans; Corn Planter; Egg Crate; Egg Basket; Copper Bucket; Copper Kettle; Cast Iron Cookware; Butter Churn; Slaw Cutter; Rug Beaters; Crocks; Criswald Waffle Iron; Sleds; Wood Planes; Cross Cut Saws; Sausage Stuffer; Oil Lanterns; Pulley; Hay Harpoons; Pepsi Tray; Punch Bowl w/Cups; Large Painting of Teton Mountains; Small Primitive Hutch; Whiskey Barrel; Ox Yoke; Early 1900's Sears and Roebuck Buggy; Metal Artwork.

This is a partial listing. Plan on selling in 2 to 4 rings. Lots more to come.

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Father's Day Is More Than a Tie

by Ashley R Smith

Why do fathers do such weird things? Like becoming bored during important conference calls and curiously inserting neckties into paper shredders just to see what will happen. Warning: Shredders can destroy professional accessories with alarming ease. Some dads do really weird things, like shooting gallon cans of gasoline sitting on rocks in a creek with a black powder cannon to see if they'll blow up Hollywood style (then marveling in surprise at a creek covered with tall “flowing” flames for 50 feet downstream). Things just get out of hand sometimes.

It can also get out of hand for guys who become dads in unorthodox ways such as sperm banks. Stories of male college students selling their viral mojo to sire numerous children can suddenly spiral into their offspring actively searching for them 18 years later. The Donor Sibling Registry has over 46,500 registrants to connect donors to their, as the website bluntly puts it, “conceived people”. Happy Father's Day?

It's not just the millennials who are searching for their long-lost Y chromosome connections. There are hundreds of thousands of illegitimate WWII “war babies” who even at retirement-age are embarking on quests to find their fathers, discover the truth, and learn about their biological roots.

It's intriguing how children are drawn to their fathers, even when they know full well their sires never had intentions of being a part of their life. Even worse, imagine the nagging yearnings children have for dads that willfully abandon them. The deadbeat dad can have a great influence over how children see themselves: “If my father, the person who created me and is a part of me doesn't value me, then am I worth anything at all?”

It's weird how scarce fathers are becoming. Today more than 20 million children live in a home without the physical presence of a father. Sadly, research shows these children are more likely to perform poorly academically, become a school dropout, engage in early sexual activity, develop drug or alcohol addictions, and cause or experience violence.

Some fathers, for one reason or another, feel they're no longer able to be the kind of parent they want to be. They would like to be more involved but are sometimes viewed as inept or incapable of parenting. Willing fathers should not be discouraged or marginalized. Even simple efforts towards positive involvement can do wonders for every stage of a child's development.

To explore this more, I simply asked my kids what's the best thing about their dad? The immediate answer was, “He jumps on the trampoline with

me!” Voilá! With little bit of T-I-M-E and extra-bounce he's the best dad ever. My own father wasn't much for words of affection. In college he'd send a sticky note or two in the mail. It was simple, but his efforts spoke volumes to me.

Decades of research shows children with involved fathers are more likely to be financially and physically cared for, have better social connections with peers, better educational outcomes, learn how they should expect to be treated by others, and so much more.

Dads may do weird things like stuff ties into shredders or shoot flaming cannons, but that same sense of adventure also helps their children reach out of their comfort zone and push themselves. They can also be protectors who maintain balance and enforce boundaries. Whether giving an embrace or telling a teen they cannot attend a questionable party he's a knight-in-shining-armor watching out for their well-being. Have you ever noticed how moms can nag relentlessly at the kids, but one word from dad and they shape up? Weird right?

For this Father's Day, while neckties seem to be a favored gift, you may want to consider more meaningful gestures. May I suggest at least a sticky note's worth of words of appreciation?

You, the Citizens of Custer County are invited to a County/Town Hall Style Meeting

Wednesday, June 24th,
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in the Banquet Hall
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Custer County Commissioner

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You will be briefly updated on the Custer County Board of County Commissioners' activities in which I have primary responsibilities. Then I will be happy to listen to your questions and concerns from the floor.”

The primary purpose of the meeting is to hear your issues and concerns. In an effort to maximize the opportunity for community input, the individual questions will be time limited. In addition, attendees are also invited to submit written questions.

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Local Mountain News & Notices

Obituary

Harold W. Jennings (August 13, 1938 - June 11, 2015)

Harold W. Jennings, 76, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2015, at his home. Harold was born August 13, 1938, at Crittenden County, KY, to John and Mary (King) Jennings. He received his education in Crittenden County School and graduated in 1956. Harold entered the U.S. Army in 1961 and was stationed in Ft. Carson, CO until his discharge in December of 1963. He married Shirley Entz on June 19, 1964, in Westcliffe, CO. Harold owned and operated Jennings Market in Westcliffe and was the Mayor of Westcliffe for several years. He retired in 1999 and they

moved to Flan-dreau permanently in 2012. Harold loved wildlife and birds, to hunt, fish, and ride horseback into the mountains, and he especially loved his grandsons.

Harold is survived by his wife, Shirley, two daughters, Deb (Randy) Johanson, Flan-dreau, Connie (Scott) Dunn, Brush, CO, four grandsons, Jake, Bobby, Jenner, Hunter, sister-in-law Faye Jennings, Crittenden County, KY, and four nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and two



brothers, Bill and Bob.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Flan-dreau. The burial will be at a date to be announced, in ULA Cemetery, Westcliffe, CO.

Obituary

Mike Whalen

The American Legion reported that Mike Whalen passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Mike and Dianne Whalen came to the valley in the late 90's from The Woodlands, Texas. They both became very active in the community. Mike served on the Friends of Beckwith Ranch Board for many years and was probably best

known for his work to honor veterans and America by ensuring flags are flown all down Main St. on the appropriate days. He was also the driving force in providing the large flag pole at the west end of Main St. near The Bluffs. There will be a service for Mike at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. today.



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Local Mountain News & Notices



Sentinel Thanked for Wounded Warrior Fund Drive

At last Friday night's Wounded Warrior graduation dinner at Eagles Summit Ranch, Pastor Dave Roevers gave the owners of the Sangre de Cristo *Sentinel* a beautiful plaque thanking them for their efforts in raising over \$16,000 to fund rehabilitation sessions for Fort Carson wounded warriors. Left to right: Mary Seifert, Mike Hess, George Gramlich, Pastor Dave Roevers, and ESR Director Beverly Shoemaker. (The fourth owner of the *Sentinel*, Rob Canterbury, was unable to attend.)

Here is a thank you message from Pastor Dave Roevers:

The Sentinel newspaper continues to amaze me. I'm Dave Roevers and I want to tell Custer and surrounding counties that Eagles Summit Ranch and Operation Warrior Reconnect stand in deepest gratitude for your devotion to our vision to "help our wounded warriors find their way home". We are a stand-alone program and have no connection to, or support from, federal funds or wounded warrior project or any other sources. When the Sentinel stepped up and offered to sponsor the Fort Carson session last week, the community showed their true colors and the entire cost of the session was covered, paid in full, changing the lives of every warrior the Army sent!! Thank you Sentinel and Westcliffe and all the donors who gave. You are loved!!

Sentinel photo by Carol Clemenson

Ahead of Schedule Main Street WiFi Operational June 12, 2015

The Custer County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has completed its Phase 1 installations, operational tests, and activation of the permanent Main Street Wi-Fi system ahead of schedule.

Initial installations of the system extend along Main Street from Adams Boulevard to 6th Street.

The system is owned, operated, and maintained by the Custer County Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit corporation. This accomplishment could not have been accomplished without the dedicated efforts of the general contractor, DD Wireless, a local Internet Service Pro-

vider, and Wright Electric LLC, a long-time local provider of commercial, residential, and Industrial electrical services.

Thanks are also directed to the gracious property owners that provided the equipment mounting locations for the access points along Main Street.

Community financial support has been generous and substantial toward the matching funds requirement of the El Pomar Foundation. However, additional funds are needed to support the on-going operational expenses and the planned build-out of the system.

As funds are available, the system will extend

east along the Main Street through Westcliffe and Silver Cliff. Additional installations are planned for the Rodeo/Fairgrounds to the north and the Westcliffe Memorial Park and athletic field areas in both Silver Cliff and Westcliffe.

This free and open public access system is designed to enhance the experience of tourists, visitors, and incidental users while they visit our community. There is no plan to replace or diminish the need for individual and commercial internet service.

For additional information, contact Custer County Economic Development Corporation at email ccEconDevC@gmail.com.



There is no difference between communism and socialism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism—by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.

Ayn Rand

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Eagles Summit Ranch Graduation

June 12, 2015



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Heroes Among Us

The West Custer County Library is celebrating the heroes in our midst with "Duty, Honor, Country: Americans at their Best" on Thursday, June 25th at 7 p.m. in the library's community room. Hear compelling stories from those who have served this country.

"One of the themes for the Summer Reading program this year is 'Every Hero Has a Story'," said library director Amy Moulton. "I am honored to live in a community that has so many veterans and have the opportunity to hear a few memorable moments from their lives."

"Duty, Honor, Country" is the latest in the library's Adult Summer Reading free events series and is co-sponsored by the

American Legion Post #170. No sign up is required to attend this event though early arrival is suggested to ensure a spot as seating is limited.

Local adults may also sign up at the library to earn prizes this summer just by reading a few books of their choice and trying some fun activities with the Adult Summer Reading program. Participants receive a bingo sheet with special tasks in each box. Completing a bingo earns a prize, and adults can earn up to three prizes. In addition, all adults who black out their bingo sheets will be entered to win the drawing for a \$100 Barnes and Noble gift card. Call the library at 783-9138 or stop by for more information.

Swords of Chivalry and Be the Builder

The West Custer County Library's Summer Reading Program continues next week with both hammers and swords in hand.

Teens ages 11-17 can learn the time-honored art of sword fighting at "Swords of Chivalry". The workshop will be instructed by professionals from The Black Falcon School of Arms. This event will take place in the Custer County School's Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, June 24th from 1 to 3 p.m.

At "Be the Builder", kids will become toy-makers, crafting with their own two hands. The event will be held at the Custer County School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday,

June 25th from 1 to 2 p.m. and is open to children ages 0-10. No advanced sign-up is required. This event is co-sponsored by Construction Solutions of Colorado, Inc.

Children, teens, and adults who have not already signed up to earn prizes for keeping up with their reading and experiencing new things this summer can register at the library Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Summer Reading Program and all its events are free.

For more information, please call the library at 783-9138 or visit www.west-custerlibrary.org.

An open invitation to attend a County/Town Hall Style Meeting

Hosted by

Bob Kattnig

Custer County Commissioner, District 1

June 24, 7-9 pm

Banquet Room, Cliff Lanes

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Carlton Auction

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Friday, June 19, 2015

The Battle of Glorieta Pass, 1862

Few know that a most pivotal battle was won by the Colorado Volunteers during the early years of the Civil War. The Confederates led by General Sibley attempted to conquer and hold New Mexico, what would become Arizona, Colorado, and southern California. This victory would have given the Confederate States access to the gold and silver wealth of the west. Had this strategy succeeded, the Confederate States would have expanded their territory and would have brought tens of millions in precious metals to continue the war.

Sibley's army marched from San Antonio and captured Santa Fe and moved to capture Fort Union. But, the Colorado Volunteers under General Chivington made a forced march in 14 days from Denver and through Raton Pass, over 400 miles. This force aided by New Mexican militia engaged the Confederates. Using good intelligence, the Coloradans attacked the supply wagons, burned them, spiked the cannons and stampeded 500 Confederate horses and mules. The loss of Confederate supplies forced the Confederates to retreat to Santa Fe and finally San Antonio. This retreat was a running battle unlike those that took place in the east where tens of thousands of casualties were the result.

The other big difference between eastern battles where thousands on both sides threw waves of soldiers against each other is, that this battle took place in the rugged canyon country. The Confederates had to fight numerous skirmishes down the Rio Grande back to Texas. Had this plan succeeded, it would have helped the Confederate States continue the war. It is likely that had the Confederates been able to seize the gold mines in Colorado, there would have been many destructive battles in our state.

The bravery and commitment of Colorado's volunteers changed the course of history and helped bring the Civil War to an end.

by J Cascarelli

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance No. 15-02

AN ORDINANCE OF CUSTER COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, REGULATING AND RESTRICTING OPEN FIRES AND OPEN BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CUSTER COUNTY, AND ALSO INCLUDING THE INCORPORATED TOWNS OF SILVER CLIFF AND WESTCLIFFE

and

ESTABLISHING A PERMITTING REQUIREMENT FOR SLASH PILE BURNING AND OTHER OPEN BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CUSTER COUNTY, AND ALSO INCLUDING THE INCORPORATED TOWNS OF SILVER CLIFF AND WESTCLIFFE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, THAT:

Whereas, §30-15-401(1)(n.5), C.R.S., authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the dangers of wildfires within those areas of Custer County where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high based on competent evidence; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners deems it is in the best interest of the citizens of Custer County and the general public that open fires and open burning in Custer County be regulated and restricted to reduce the danger of wildfires in said county; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners and the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to §29-20-105.5, C.R.S., with respect to this Ordinance in recognition of the fact that wildfires are impervious to the territorial boundaries of political subdivisions and that the full cooperation of both political entities is necessary to protect the public from the dangers of forest fires and prairie fires; and

Whereas, the incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe are included within the boundaries of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and are therefore subject to the restrictions and permit requirements imposed by this Ordinance, and any violations of said restrictions or permit requirements occurring in either town are punishable as set forth herein; and

Whereas, a Reciprocal Fire Protection Assistance Agreement exists between the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and the Rye Fire Protection District wherein the Rye Fire Protection District has agreed to provide equipment and personnel to assist the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District in fighting wildfires in a remote portion of Custer County which is within the boundaries of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, and agreements also exist with the Deer Mountain Fire Protection District, the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department, the Beulah Fire Department and the Florence Fire Department for said agencies to assist the Custer County Sheriff in wildfire suppression efforts in unincorporated areas of Custer County that do not lie within the boundaries of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners finds that Custer County has a substantial forested area, and that an open burning permit system is needed; and

Whereas, due consideration has been given to existing laws and processes regulating open burning in the State of Colorado, and the Board of County Commissioners finds that this Ordinance is consistent with all such laws and processes; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners finds that this Ordinance is both desirable and necessary for the purpose of providing the Custer County Sheriff with a law enforcement protocol to prevent such fires from occurring and by providing appropriate punitive measures for those who fail to comply with the open fire and open burning restrictions set forth herein and also for those who engage in open burning without the required permit or in violation of the terms and conditions of a permit; and

Whereas, there has been full compliance with all statutory requirements concerning notice to the public of this proposed Ordinance and publication of said Ordinance, and the public has now been afforded full opportunity to be heard on this proposed Ordinance at a first reading and a second reading as required by §30-15-404 through §30-15-407, C.R.S.,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners finds and declares as follows:

PART ONE:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Section 1: This Ordinance shall be known as the “Custer County Open Fire and Open Burning Ordinance”.

Section 2: The purpose of this Ordinance is to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Custer County by restricting open fires and open burning in Custer County at certain times in order to prevent forest and prairie fires when a high danger of such fires exists.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall apply throughout all areas of Custer County, including public, private and state lands, and shall also apply to the incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe by virtue of their inclusion within the boundaries of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District.

Section 4: The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that there shall be three stages of fire bans that may be imposed for Custer County or portions thereof, and that each of these three stages creates restrictions on open fires and open burning during those periods of time when one or more of these three stages of fire bans may be in effect.

Section 5: At any regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board may, by resolution, impose Stage I, Stage II or Stage III restrictions based upon a finding that the danger of forest fires or grass fires occurring in Custer County is high. Such a resolution shall be based on competent evidence which may include:

- The recommendation of the Custer County Sheriff;
- The recommendation of the Fire Chief of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District;
- The recommendation of the Fire Chief of the Rye Fire Protection District;
- The recommendation of any other recognized fire-fighting entity providing assistance to Custer County for the suppression of forest fires and grass fires;
- Any similar ban imposed under the authority of the Governor of the State of Colorado;
- Any recommendation from the State Forest Service, the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, or any other agency of the state or federal government;
- A similar ban imposed in any county adjacent to Custer County.

Section 6. Any such resolution imposing a fire ban shall specify whether Stage I restrictions, Stage II restrictions or Stage III restrictions shall be in effect and shall further specify whether the restrictions are in effect for all areas of Custer County or for a specific portion thereof.

Section 7: Any such resolution shall specify an expiration date for the ban. However, the ban may be extended in the same manner as its original imposition upon competent evidence that the wildfire danger continues.

Section 8: Any resolution imposing a fire ban pursuant to this Part One shall be promptly published through a general press release to local media outlets and shall also be posted on the Custer County internet website. The Custer County Office of Emergency Management shall be notified immediately upon imposition of any fire ban. Likewise, when restrictions are in effect and when changing conditions indicate that a reduction or increase in any such restrictions should be imposed, the same notification to the public and to the Custer County Office of Emergency Management shall occur.

Section 9: Custer County has also approved an Open Burn Management Policy to serve as a unified plan for management of open burns throughout the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and the unincorporated areas of Custer County. This Open Burn Management Policy is incorporated into this Ordinance by reference and is intended to be a supporting document to this Ordinance. Any changes that may be made to this Open Burn Management Policy from time to time to accommodate the changing needs of Custer County shall be automatically incorporated into this Ordinance without the necessity of further action by the Board of County Commissioners to modify or amend this Ordinance. To the extent that any inconsistencies may exist between the provisions of this Ordinance and the provisions of the Open Burn Management Policy, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

PART TWO: DEFINITIONS

“Agricultural Open Burning” means the burning of cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production, weed control, maintenance of water conveyance structures related to agricultural operations, and oth-

er agricultural cultivation purposes. The open burning of animal parts or carcasses is not agricultural open burning, nor is the open burning of household trash, wood and yard debris on agricultural land.

“Burn manager” means an individual who obtains a valid open burning permit in order to plan, build, control, extinguish, and otherwise supervise the open burning of slash.

“Competent evidence” includes the use of the national fire danger rating system and any other similar indices or information.

“Fireworks” shall be defined as set forth in §12-28-101, C.R.S.

“Open Fire” is defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fires in wood-burning stoves, the use of explosives, outdoor welding or hot work, fireworks of all kinds and brands, and the outdoor burning of trash and debris. No permit is required for open fires of these types.

“Open Burning” means the intentional ignition of unwanted fuels, in place or collected, for the purpose of eliminating those fuels. Open burning is further defined by Stage I, Stage II and Stage III restrictions as set forth in this Ordinance. An open burn permit is required for fires of these types.

“Open Burn Permit” means a permit issued by the Custer County Sheriff’s Office on a form furnished by the Sheriff’s Office and completed by an applicant for such a permit.

“Open Burn Management Policy” refers to a unified plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for the management of open burns within the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District and also within the unincorporated areas of Custer County. A copy of this Open Burn Management Policy may be obtained from the Custer County Sheriff’s Office or may be viewed on the Custer County Office of Emergency Management’s website: ccoem@custercountygov.com.

“Slash” means woody material less than six inches in diameter consisting of limbs, branches and stems that are free of dirt. “Slash” does not include tree stumps, roots, or any other material.

“Special meeting” means a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners called by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Board when an emergency situation exists based on competent evidence from the Custer County Sheriff or the Fire Chief of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District that the danger of a forest fire or grass fire is high and an immediate temporary ban is essential. Such special meeting shall be conducted in person or by telephonic conference and shall be recorded by the clerk of the Board. A temporary ban so issued shall be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

“Incorporated areas of Custer County” shall mean, for purposes of this Ordinance, the incorporated Towns of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe, which are included within the boundaries of the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District. It does not refer to the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District as an incorporated political entity.

PART THREE: STAGE I, II AND III FIRE BANS

Stage I Fire Ban: When the Board of County Commissioners imposes a Stage I Fire Ban the following restrictions are imposed on open fires and open burning:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood stove, fireplace, any type of charcoal-fueled or wood-fueled cooking, or open fire of any type shall be temporarily suspended in all undeveloped areas.
- Campfires contained in constructed permanent fire pits or fire grates within a *developed* recreation area shall be allowed.
- Grills using propane and other bottled fuels shall be allowed, but only in areas free of flammable vegetation and other flammable materials, and such fires must be used and maintained in such a manner that no fire danger is presented to the surrounding area.
- All open fires allowed by subparagraphs (b) and (c) above must be attended at all times, and an adequate water supply and/or a fire extinguisher shall be on site at all times while such an open fire is burning.
- All burning of trash, refuse or debris shall be temporarily suspended.
- Smoking shall be temporarily suspended except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or outdoor smoking area that is hard-surfaced or barren or otherwise cleared of all flammable vegetation or material.

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g. Discarding smoking materials in a receptacle not designed for disposal of smoking materials, discarding smoking materials from a moving or stationary motor vehicle, and discarding smoking materials in any other outdoor location is expressly prohibited at all times.

h. The use of explosive materials including fireworks, solid fuel rockets, blasting caps, or any other incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable materials shall be temporarily suspended.

i. Outdoor welding, grinding, or use of any type of torch in any area which presents the possibility of igniting vegetation or other combustible material shall be temporarily suspended unless there is an adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher on site.

j. Operating any outdoor equipment or machinery with an internal combustion engine in an undeveloped area shall be temporarily suspended unless said equipment or machinery is equipped with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in good working order.

k. The sale, possession and use of fireworks, including permissible fireworks as defined in §12-28-101, C.R.S., shall be temporarily suspended during the imposition of a Stage I Fire Ban. Such a restriction on fireworks within all or any portion of the unincorporated or incorporated areas of Custer County shall not last longer than a period of one year, and shall not be in effect between May 31 and July 5 of each year unless there is an express finding of a high fire danger by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners based on competent evidence as that term is defined herein.

Stage II Fire Ban: When the Board of County Commissioners imposes a Stage II Fire Ban, all the prohibited activities set forth in the Stage I Fire Ban shall be in effect and, in addition, the following restrictions shall also be in effect:

a. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal-burning or wood-burning stove, charcoal-fueled or wood-fueled cooking, or other open fires of any type at any location shall be temporarily suspended.

b. Grills using propane or other bottled fuels shall be allowed only in areas free of flammable vegetation and other flammable materials, and must be used in a manner which presents no fire danger to the surrounding area.

c. No grill in use shall be left unattended, and there shall be an adequate water supply and/or a fire extinguisher on site during such use.

d. Use of a coal-burning or wood-burning stove or fireplace in a private residence shall be allowed only if the flue pipe, chimney, or other exhaust structure is equipped with a properly installed NFPA*-approved spark arrestor such as a chimney cap.

e. Off-road use or parking of a motor vehicle in an area which presents the possibility of sparks or exhaust heat igniting surrounding flammable vegetation shall be temporarily suspended during the period of time a Stage II Fire Ban is in effect.

*National Fire Protection Association

Stage III Fire Ban: When the Board of County Commissioners imposes a Stage III Fire Ban, all the restrictions set forth in the Stage I and Stage II Fire Bans shall be in effect, and all open burning of any kind shall be prohibited. In addition, the Board shall have the authority to temporarily close an area to entry or use. Such action will have an extreme impact on the public and on the responsible firefighting agencies and will not be considered except under the most severe conditions. Closures are justified by fire danger alone, but should be driven by the potential for imminent risk to life and safety due to extreme fire behavior, high potential for human-caused fires, severe shortages of resources, and numerous large fires within the state.

Some examples of such situations where a Stage III Fire Ban may be necessary are:

- Potential loss of life due to explosive fire conditions;
- Potential for extreme or blow-up fire behavior;
- Stage I or Stage II Fire Bans are ineffective in reducing the number of human-caused fires;
- Resources for fighting wildfires across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level;
- The extent of wildland urban interface.

Areas of public lands subject to a Stage III Fire Ban shall be closed to all entry except for individuals carrying written permits from the Custer County Sheriff, federal state and local officers, members of organized search and rescue or firefighting forces performing official duties, and resident landowners and lessees and their invitees and agents.

PART FOUR: EXCEPTIONS TO STAGE ONE, TWO AND THREE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. The following shall be exceptions to the prohibited activities set forth in Part Three:

a. Agricultural burning by an agricultural producer on property owned by the agricultural producer unless there is a Red Flag Warning in effect as determined by the National Weather Service.

b. Fireworks displays properly permitted pursuant to §12-28-103, C.R.S.

c. Open fires or open burning by any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized fire protection district or department in the performance of official fire suppression, prevention, training function, or other duties.

PART FIVE: PERMITTED OPEN BURNING

Section 1: Any person who desires to use an open burning method to dispose of slash piles shall be required to obtain a permit from the Custer County Sheriff prior to conducting any open burning method for such disposal. This includes agricultural burns of slash. Any open burning of slash piles shall strictly comply with all conditions imposed by the Sheriff as indicated in the permit issued.

Section 2: All open burn permits issued by the Sheriff shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance, with the express condition that the burn manager shall notify the Sheriff each time before conducting any open burning operations pursuant to the permit that such open burning is about to occur. With respect to the notice requirement set forth in Section 3 below, it shall be sufficient for the burn manager to give the required notice to individuals with respiratory conditions and to all contiguous landowners one time that he/she has obtained a permit, the date the permit was issued, that the permit is valid for a period of 12 months, and that no further notice will be given prior to open burning operations being conducted.

Section 3: §30-15-401 (n.5)(2)(F), C.R.S., requires the Board of County Commissioners to include a mechanism “to notify individuals with respiratory conditions, if requested by the individual, and contiguous landowners of the date, time, and location of slash pile burns.” Therefore, the Custer County Sheriff shall maintain a registry of any such individuals with respiratory conditions who have advised the Sheriff’s Office in writing that they wish to be notified in advance of permitted slash pile burns. This registry shall be made available to all burn managers who apply for an open burning permit. It is the responsibility of the burn manager to review this registry and to identify any individuals who reside within a one-mile radius of the location where the open burning is to occur. Any individuals with respiratory conditions so identified shall be notified by the burn manager that an open burning permit has been issued. Such notice shall be accomplished in one of three ways: by speaking to the individual(s) with the respiratory condition(s) personally; by telephone call; by posting a written notice in a conspicuous location at the residence of the individual(s) if such individual(s) cannot be otherwise contacted. It shall also be the responsibility of the burn manager to determine the identity of the contiguous landowners and to give them notice of the burn permit in the same manner as set forth above for individuals with respiratory conditions. Compliance with this Section 3 by the burn manager shall be deemed sufficient if he/she certifies in writing or by verbal confirmation with the Custer County Sheriff’s Office that the required notices have been given or will be given that an open burning permit has been issued. The permit application utilized by the Sheriff’s Office shall include a specific certification provision and shall recognize that open burning permits may be issued to burn managers in person or by telephone request.

Section 4: When issuing open burning permits, the Sheriff shall give due consideration to safe burning conditions at the burn location, shall impose appropriate permit limitations concerning the number of slash piles that may be burned at one time per person who is managing the burn, the size of the slash piles, the temperature, humidity, snow cover, and wind conditions, the existence of any overhead lines or other utility facilities, fuel type and moisture content, slope, setbacks from physical structures, and a readily available and usable water source.

PART SIX: UNLAWFUL ACTS

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person to build, maintain, attend or use an open fire or conduct an open burning activity in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Custer County, including public, private, state and federal lands, when the same is prohibited by a Stage I,

Stage II or Stage III fire ban being in effect.

Section 2: It shall further be unlawful for any person to conduct open burning activities at any time without a valid permit issued by the Custer County Sheriff, or to conduct such open burning activities that do not conform to the terms and provisions of the specific permit issued.

Section 3: It shall further be unlawful for any person to leave an open fire or open burning activity of any type unattended at any time, regardless of whether or not a fire ban is in effect and regardless of whether or not a permit was required for such open fire or open burning activity.

Section 4: It shall further be unlawful for a burn manager to conduct any open burning activity without giving the required notice to individuals with respiratory conditions and to contiguous landowners as set forth in Section 3 of Part Five.

PART SEVEN: PENALTIES

Section 1. Any person who commits a violation of an open fire or open burning ban imposed under the authority of this Ordinance commits a class 2 petty offense under §30-15-402(1), C.R.S., and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as follows:

a. Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for violation of a Stage I ban.

b. Five hundred dollars (\$500) for violation of a Stage II ban.

c. Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) for violation of a Stage III ban.

Section 2. A violation of the permit requirement as set forth in Section 2 of Part Five shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Section 3: Any person who violates Section 3 of Part Six by leaving an open fire or an open burning activity unattended shall be guilty of a class 2 petty offense and shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Section 4: Any burn manager who violates the notice provision of Section 3 of Part 5 shall be guilty of a class 2 petty offense and shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Section 5. In addition, persons convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10) pursuant to §30-15-402(1), C.R.S.

Section 6. The penalty assessment procedure set forth in §16-2-201, C.R.S., shall be followed by law enforcement officers charged with enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 7. All fines assessed for violations of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Treasurer of Custer County. All revenues generated through the payment of such fines shall be paid into the general fund and shall be allocated as follows: 40% to the Custer County Sheriff’s Office, 40% to the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, and 20% to the Custer County general fund.

PART EIGHT: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately following adoption on second reading and shall apply to all open burning violations occurring or committed on or after said date.

PART NINE: REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, all prior fire ban ordinances or fire restriction ordinances including, but not limited to, Ordinance No. 2002-1, shall be deemed repealed and shall be of no further validity or effect.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST READING ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE, 2015, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN THE SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL.

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County, State of Colorado

Christopher L. (Kit) Shy, Chairman

Lynn Attebery

Robert Kattnig

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Debbie Livengood, County Clerk and Recorder



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ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON THE 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2015, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY REFERENCE TO TITLE ONLY IN THE SANGRE DE CRISTO SENTINEL.

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County, State of Colorado

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Custer County Planning Commission will hold a workshop to review the updated Master Plan Supporting Document on June 26, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Custer County Commissioners room.

The agenda is posted on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Custer County Courthouse. Copies of the agenda are available in the Custer County Planning and Zoning Office.

Anyone wishing to comment may do so at the workshop or by mail to Custer County Planning and Zoning Office, P.O. Box 203, Westcliffe CO 81252; by fax 719-783-9907; or by e-mail Jackie@custercountygov.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF’S COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE FOR PUBLICATION

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust described herein below:

Sheriff’s Foreclosure Sale No. 15-CCSS-001 was commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff pursuant to that certain Order for Entry of Judgement and Decree of Foreclosure (“Judgement and Decree”) entered on December 31, 2014 by the District Court of the County of Custer, Colorado in Civil Action No. 2014 CV 030015, The Hatchet Cattle Company v Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust to foreclose the deed of trust described as follows (“Deed of Trust”):

Original Grantor: Jeremy M. Kibler, as Trustee of the Jeremy M. Kibler Living Trust and Kaycie P. Kibler, as Trustee of the Kaycie P. Kibler Living Trust
Original Beneficiary: Jerald A. Seifert and Robert A. Joslen, Jr.
Current Beneficiary: The Hatchet Cattle Company
Date of Deed of Trust: September 8, 2008
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: September 11, 2008
Recorded in Custer County: Reception Number 211086
Original Principal Amount: \$457,268.96
Outstanding Balance: \$529,315.69

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-38-101 (4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the Judgement and Decree, which is the subject Evidence of Debt, I am ordered to sell the property more specifically described as follows:

A parcel of land in Section 23, Township 22 South, Range 70 West of the 6th P.M., Custer County, Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of the SW1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of Colorado State High-

way No. 165 And All that portion of the W1/2SE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East and North of the Easterly and Northerly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165 And All that portion of the S1/2NE1/4 of said Section 23 lying East of the Easterly right of way line of said State Highway No. 165, Less a parcel described in Book 299 at Pages 242-243 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Custer County, State of Colorado.

WHICH IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

LEIN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

As of December 31, 2014, the outstanding balance due and owing pursuant to the Judgement and Decree is \$529,315.69

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the forenoon of **July 16th, 2015**, at the office of the Sheriff, 702 Rosita Ave., Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)’ heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness evidenced by the judgement and Decree secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Last Publication: July 10, 2015
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**** Bidders are required to have cash or certified funds to cover their highest bid at the time of the sale. Certified funds are payable to the Registry of the Custer District Court.**

DATE: **March 10, 2015**
Sheriff of the County of **Custer**, State of Colorado
Shannon K. Byerly
By: Shannon K. Byerly, Sheriff

The name, address and telephone number of the attorneys representing the legal holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: BuxmanKwitek, Douglas J. Kwitek # 23268 & Buxman Kwitek P.C., 601 N. Main, Suite 200, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Telephone number, 719-544-5081.

THE ATTORNEYS LISTED ABOVE ARE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 06-15

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On April 1, 2015, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Custer records.

Original Grantor(s):
Thomas Anderson and Amy Anderson
Original Beneficiary(ies):
Well Fargo Bank, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt:
Well Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: October 18, 2012
County of Recording: Custer
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: October 25, 2012
Recording Information
(Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.):
219950 Book: 702 Page: 283
Original Principal Amount: \$108,109.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$104,752.32

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

NORTHWESTERLY 200 FEET OF MAMMOTH

LODE, SURVEY NO. 158A, LYING NORTHEAST-ERLY OF CUSTER COUNTY ROAD NO. 143, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LODGE FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 70 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., BEARS SOUTH 20°07’ EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1695.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21°18’ EAST 200.00 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE SOUTH 68°42’ WEST, 195.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE SAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 37°48’30” WEST 108.60 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LODGE; THENCE NORTH 68°42’ EAST 254.68 FEET ALONG THE SAID LINE OF SAID LODGE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Also known by street and number as: 6398 CO RD 271, Westcliffe, CO 81252-8517.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/29/2015, at the office of the Custer County Public Trustee, 205 South 6th Street, Westcliffe, CO 81252, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)’ heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 6/5/2015
Last Publication 7/3/2015
Name of Publication: Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

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DATE: 04/01/2015
Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee in and for the County of Custer, State of Colorado

Virginia Trujillo

By: Virginia Trujillo, Public Trustee



The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP C/O Holly Shilliday,

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CUSTER COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 150,
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Attorney File # CO-15-661723-JS

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 2011105

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to

LORETTA LYNN BEACH FLORES

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November A.D. 2011, the then County Treasurer of the County of Custer, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Donald L Kaufman, the following described real estate situate in the County of Custer, State of Colorado, to-wit:

AN UNDIVIDED ONE-FOURTH (1/4) INTEREST IN AND TO THE MOUNTAIN BOY LODE MINING CLAIM S#15331, THE PATENT FOR WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 48 AT PAGE 272 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CUSTER COUNTY, COLORADO.

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Donald L Kaufman;

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2010;

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name of Loretta Lynn Beach Flores for said year 2010;

That said Donald L Kaufman, on the 21st day of April, 2015, the present holder of said certificate, (who) has made a request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Donald L Kaufman at 10:00 o'clock AM., on the 24th day of September, A.D. 2015, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

Witness my hand this 28th day of May, A.D. 2015.

Suzanne Coleman
Custer County Deputy Treasurer
For Virginia Trujillo, Treasurer

First Publication Date: June 5, 2015
Final Publication Date: June 19, 2015
Sangre de Cristo Sentinel
Westcliffe, Colorado

Sheriff's Report...

On the dates below there were 201 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office and 8 to EMS. As of June 15th there were 6 males in the county jail.

06/09/15 EMS

0642 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Keepsake Loop in Rosita Hills for a male having difficulty breathing. The patient was transported to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

06/09/15 EMS

1707 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Choctaw Trail in Cuerno Verde Pines for a male having seizures. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

06/10/1515-03288

1654 hours: A deputy was dispatched to investigate a disturbance at Lake DeWeese. The matter was resolved without incident.

06/10/1515-0197

1820 hours / CR 241 / Traffic Summons: Guy Scharff (DOB in 1935)

of Sedalia was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/10/1515-0199

2006 hours / Main Street, Westcliffe / Traffic Summons: Ernest Holmquist (DOB in 1971) of Pueblo West was issued a summons for failure to use a child restraint.

06/10/1515-200

2129 hours / Hwy 69 & CR 328 / Traffic Summons: Dennis Dare (DOB in 1971) of Southlake, Texas was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/10/1515-0201

2259 hours / Main Street in Westcliffe / Traffic Summons: Matthew Gamez (DOB in 1996) of Pembroke Pines, FL was issued a summons for speeding, 10-19 over the limit.

06/11/15 EMS

2129 hours - Medic 4 transported a party to Parkview Medical Center.

06/11/1515-203

1643 hours - Sheriff's Office, EMS, and WMFD

personnel responded to a roll-over accident at MM 3, Highway 69-North. Officers and fire personnel cleared the scene, while Medic 3 transported party to Parkview Medical Center.

06/11/1515-204

1910 hours - Party (Kimball, Louis - DOB in 1968) was arrested for DUI on Main Street in Westcliffe.

06/12/1515-208

1531 hours - Party (Huban, Cheryl - DOB in 1955) was cited for speeding (5-9 over) on the 700 block of Main Street, Westcliffe.

06/13/1515-0212

1801 hours - Party (Roberts, Cisco - DOB in 1981) was cited for speeding (10-19 over) near 5th Street in Westcliffe.

06/13/1515-0214

2133 hours - Party (Hall, Clay - DOB in 1971) was cited for defective vehicle and expired plates at 1202 Main Street, Silver Cliff.

06/14/1515-216

0123 hours - Party (Montoya, Antonio - DOB in 96) was arrested, at Lake DeWeese, for operating a motor vehicle while his drivers license is in a revoked status and operating the vehicle with an expired temporary tag.

06/15/1515-0218

1320 hours - Officers took a report of a theft at 800 Mitchell Mountain Road. Report is under investigation.

06/15/1515-0219

1908 hours - Officers responded to a report of menacing at the Mountain View Apartments. Party (Moyer, Bernie) was arrested and transported to the Custer County Detention Facility on charges of felony menacing.

06/15/15EMS

Responded to Bishop's Castle on a report of a party that had fallen. Party was okay and Medic 3 processed a refusal for transport.

06/16/1515-0221

0858 hours: A deputy was

dispatched to South Street to investigate an alleged theft of medication.

06/16/15EMS

0930 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Hwy 165, north of Bishop's Castle, for a 17-year-old male who slipped down an embankment. The patient refused transport.

06/16/1515-03452

1050 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on Quana Road in Bull Domin-go. Negative contact was made.

06/16/1515-03453

1137 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on CR 192. Negative contact was made.

06/16/15EMS

1228 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to Valley Assisted Living in Silver Cliff for an 85-year-old male with a blocked catheter. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

06/16/15EMS

1242 hours / Ambulance Run: EMS was dispatched to the Custer County Clinic for a 63-year-old female suffering from severe abdominal pain. The patient was transported to Parkview Hospital in Pueblo.

06/16/1515-03458

1337 hours: A deputy attempted to serve civil papers to a party on Pipeweed Path in Blumenau. Negative contact was made.

06/16/15Deer Mtn EMS

1645 hours / Ambulance Run: The Custer County Sheriff's Office dispatched Deer Mountain EMS to CR 27A in Coto-paxi for a 71-year-old female who was vomiting and disoriented.

06/16/1515-0222

2151 hours / Hilltop Drive, Lake DeWeese / Traffic Summons: Calem Barber (DOB in 1993) of Westcliffe was issued a summons for driving with expired tags.



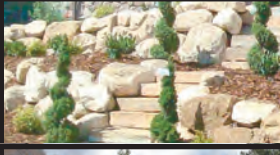
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An Exciting Day at Westcliffe's NRA American Rifle Challenge Event



Start of a Stage, Standing: Shooters engage at 100 yards. Most stages had magazine changes.



Our Thanks to the Shoot Boss: Organizer and shoot boss SSSC board member, Regis Frank ran a flawless event. Here he goes over safety rules and protocols prior to the start.



Standing, Weak Shoulder: Local resident Ray ("Death Trap" or "DT" to his few friends) Swota shows how to get it done on the weak side. DT was in 2nd place after stage five but faded a bit near the end due to (alleged) scope issues.



At the End: The whole crew had an educational and fun day. Third from the left, front row, is 72-year-old Tom ("Da Spook") Kravitz, a Vietnam combat veteran (seven years in-country!!!) who shot great to come in the middle of the pack. Fourth and fifth from left, front row, is Marsha and Regis Frank and hiding behind them was the surprise winner of the event, Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly (in the orange hat).

The Sangre Shooting Sports Club (SSSC) gun range in Westcliffe was the site of one of the National Rifle Association's (NRA) newest events two weeks ago: the American Rifle Challenge. In the timed, multi-stage, scored event, participants use a magazine fed, semi-automatic rifle (like an AR-15 or an AK-47) to engage targets from behind barricades from 7 yards to 100 yards. Many stages also include magazine changes. The shooting was from the standing, kneeling, and prone positions and occasionally from the weak side shoulder.

Seventeen competitors showed up for the event and the competition through the stages was intense. Competitors' ages ranged from the early 20's to a 72-year-old Vietnam veteran (who shot excellently). Rifle optics included were open sights, red-dot type sights, military-style ACOG's, and regular high-powered rifle scopes.

Coming from 5th place in stage 6, newly elected Custer County Sheriff Shannon Byerly hammered the last 4 stages to take the overall win. He used an AR-15 with a fairly high power scope. Very close was second place winner, Randy (Mr. Wizard) Kempf (owner of On Mark Arms in Silver Cliff). Third place went to Colt Blackmer who ran a red dot sight. The top-open sight shooter was Brian Meidal who came in 7th overall.

Our thanks to SSSC board member Regis Frank who organized and ran the entire event. It was a lot of work as it entailed the registration process, barricade construction, and getting additional volunteers to help and actually run the event. Our thanks also to his assistants, Colt Blackmer, Brian Meidal, Ronnie Jones, and Regis' lovely wife, Marsha Frank. It was a beautifully run event that went off without a hitch. Our thanks also to the SSSC for hosting the shoot. It was fun, educational, and simply a great training day. Regis is planning to have another one in late summer or early fall. Stay posted for the announcement.



The Rifles: The competitors brought a great collection of rifles including AR-15s with ACOG's, red-dot sights, open sights, and traditional scopes. Also present was a nice Ruger Mini 14 and one AK-47. One competitor even had a suppressed AR-15, which was quite cool.



Standing to Kneeling: All stages had position transitions. Here we see standing to kneeling. Foreground is the eventual winner, Shannon Byerly. The furthest shooter is David ("Whiteboy") Bandish who did well with an open sight AK-47.



Transitioning: Here shooters are moving from the kneeling position to the prone position. Most stages had rather tight time limits.



Top Five Competitors from left: winner Shannon Byerly; 2nd place, Randy ("Mr. Wizard") Kempf; 3rd place, Colt Blackmer; next, organizer and shoot boss, Regis Frank; 4th place, Mike Beecham, and fifth place Ron Valintine.

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Events Calendar

Thursday, June 18 – June 22
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Sangre Art Guild Fine Art Show “Colorado Magic” at 3rd St. Gallery, 59000 N. Highway 69, Westcliffe

Friday, June 19
6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Saturday, June 20, All Day:
30th Annual Ride the Rockies finish line events
11 a.m. & 1 p.m. DJUST DJEMBE - African Drum ming; Location: West Custer Library Community Rm
6:30 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play, “Merry Wives of Windsor”

Sunday, June 21
FATHERS DAY
2 p.m.: Amphitheater behind Jones theater: Play, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Monday-Friday, Jun 22 - 26
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily: Rolland Fiddle Camp: Custer County School Great Room. Single-day rates with 50% discount on tuition for Custer County residents. Three evening camp events open to public. Free admission. Contact info: Peter Rolland 602-618-6285.

Tuesday, June 23
7:30 p.m.: Square dance, live band, and caller (all dances taught) at Tony’s Mountain Pizza, 630 Main Street, Silver Cliff; Sponsored by the Rolland Fiddle Camp.

Wednesday, June 24
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. SWORDS OF CHIVALRY; *see page 7*
7:30 p.m.: Concert with the faculty of Rolland Fiddle Camp at the Custer County Senior Citizens Center, 612 Main St., Silver Cliff

Recurring Events and Business Hours

Monday
6 p.m.: Closed step study Alcoholics Anonymous at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie at (719) 371-5974

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Custer County public transit service available to everyone through Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club. Call 783-2343

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Noon: Lunch served at Custer County Senior Center located on first floor of Silver Cliff Town Hall. Call 783-9508 to RSVP by 9:30 am

Monday and Thursday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Lighthouse Pregnancy Resources in Silver Cliff assisting new mothers and families. Free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and more. Call 783-4357

Tuesday
12 - 4:30 p.m.: Bridge Club meets in the library community room in downtown Westcliffe.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Jammin’ band at The Mining Company Restaurant in Silver Cliff

First Tuesday of the Month:
6:30 p.m. at Cliff Lanes - American Legion Post 170 monthly meeting
6:45 p.m. Post 170 Auxiliary monthly meeting (March-October) at the Saddle Club.

Tuesday through Friday
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: Library open in downtown Westcliffe; 783-9138

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Line dancers meet at the Saddle Club. Call Clem at (303) 909-7370
6 p.m.: Closed Big Book study Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Westcliffe. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172, or Emilie at (719) 371-5974
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Custer County Community Band practice in band room at high school

Thursday
Second Thursday of the Month: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., “Ask a Nurse” at the library

Fridays and Saturdays
1 - 4 p.m.: Custer County Community Sharing Center, Inc., 120 North Third St. (formerly Schlabach’s Market)

Friday
6 p.m.: Open discussion Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Call Jim at 783-2053 or (360) 509-9172 or Emilie (719) 371-5974

Saturday
10 a.m.: Wet Mountain Al-Anon Family Group meets at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 201 Third St.; Call Dee (719) 404-1851 or Jean (719) 371-1229
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: West Custer County Library open in Westcliffe

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2nd Mon. at 7 p.m.

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Cañon City

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Macon Plaza Does Not Generate that Warm Fuzzy Feeling for Many Area Residents

by Charlotte Burrous

Even though numerous residents have objected to closing Macon Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets, Cañon City officials decided they would move forward with the project by spending at least \$30,000, which had been budgeted for design work. “We closed (Macon Avenue two years ago) to stimulate the discussion and the interest in the project, to see how it works and how it would affect things,” said City Engineer Adam Lancaster. At the same time, he denied the city had spent \$3,000 to paint the stripe on the pavement, which had originally been reported by another source. He said the city only spent enough money to make the pavement look blacker on that stretch before painting a stripe that was intended to look like water to tie it in with the Arkansas River.

“(We also wanted to see) how the different organizations utilized the space,” Lancaster said. “We think that experiment went pretty good. Then we moved into what we call Phase 1.”

From the beginning, the city has had some big plans for

the block, he said. So earlier this month, the city dug out the rest of the asphalt with the idea of planting grass and vegetation, adding electrical and water then building a pathway from one corner that meanders to the other end, which will look a lot like the river walk, he said. “We don’t have the money to (put in a water feature),” he added. “That may be something in the future that another community organization may want to take on as a project to donate (similar to what the Fremont Center for the Arts did for its Art Sculpture Garden).”

In the meantime, he said the committee decided it would go ahead with the Downtown Strategic Plan in which many citizens had very little input. “The idea behind this is to create a new space downtown,” Lancaster said. “Part of the Downtown Strategic Plan was to (build) a downtown gathering place. We don’t have that.” However, the city does have numerous parks and the River Walk. When questioned about losing parking spaces along that strip of road, he said the city had done a parking survey, saying no one used the

spaces to park. Then when the questioner objected to that, he said no one parked on the north side because they didn’t want to cross the street. Nevertheless as part of this phase, the city plans to increase parking places on Fifth and Sixth Streets, which include a parking lot at the county office and possibly behind the arts center.

When questioned why the city chose to move forward with the project instead of fixing the pot holes, he said the city could not find the money for that. Since the infrastructure had been neglected for several years, it was going to take a while to fix them. “Our funding comes from sales tax,” Lancaster said. “If we bring in more people to buy things and stay here longer, it will generate more revenue.”

(Reporter’s opinion: We encourage you, the citizens, to let city council know how you feel by speaking out at the next council meeting. Downtown Development or local street repairs and increasing the pay of our Cañon City Police Officers. What are your priorities? This is after all, your town. Barbara Penezic, Be Informed and Get Involved.)

Hadley’s Cañon Western Wear Prepares to Ride Off Into the Sunset

by Barbara Penezic

Hadley’s Cañon Western Wear located at 502 Main Street has announced plans to close their doors after 50 years of service to the community. The store will close as soon as the last of their merchandise is sold.

This may be by the end of summer.

Store manager Ginny Hadley has been looking forward to retirement since Christmas. “I’ve enjoyed the people, and we’ve made a lot of friends. Those things I will miss,” she said, “I just need to call it a day.” Cañon Western Wear was opened by Wally Braun in 1964. Ginny Hadley was hired in 1966 and worked for the store for a number of years. When Mike Hadley purchased the store Ginny began working there again. She was joined by Miranda Sandner, who has been employed at the store for 17 years and Kim Symons, who has been there 15 years. Symons admits it will be hard to see these doors close and Sandner feels she has been blessed to have had this job.

The last few years have been a tough time for the owners. Operating a small business has become increasingly more difficult in recent years. When Cañon Western Wear opened its doors in 1964, Main Street was also home to Gambles, Woolworths, J.C. Penny, and Ben Franklin. “Every building was occupied,” Hadley said, “Now, of course, we have very few.” The store front at 502 Main Street will soon join a growing number of vacant storefronts in Historic Downtown Cañon City.

In a press release Mike Hadley said he is not certain any mom and pop operation is able to survive today. “We hate the thought of closing,” he said, “but the writing is on the wall.” Hadley’s Cañon Western Wear is having a retirement sale to move out the remaining inventory. The store will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. while merchandise remains. Come in and take advantage of some really great bargains and wish these folks and their loyal employees a great retirement.

Searching for Candidates

by Ed Whitcraft, RGTP

The 2015 election cycle for local elections is fast approaching. Don’t know about you but I have heard nothing from anyone wanting to fill any of the available seats for mayor or council in Cañon City. I’ve also not heard of anyone wanting to fill the three positions available for RE-1 School Board. Florence will probably have some positions available for their city and school district as well. The elections will be taking place in November so one would think that people should be gearing up for a campaign mode if interested in any of these jobs. From what I have learned about elections from the last two presidential elections is that elections have consequences and I believe that holds true even down to an election for dog catcher.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have to ask the question, are we happy with the way things are going in our respective cities and school districts. Do we see the end result of our tax dollars being spent on things that we feel are important to us? Do we see our education dollars being spent on educating our young folks? Do we feel that we are getting the most “bang for the buck?” Our elected representatives are the overseers of every tax dollar in the coffers. They should spend every dollar with the thought in mind that it will do the most good for all tax payers not just a few.

Here is what I see in Cañon City. Driving down town I see a lot of dollars being spent on the downtown area and very little anywhere else. Drive or walk any direction from the downtown area and you will see a disaster. And we have not even had a tornado go through our town. The side streets are deplorable—pot holes and road deterioration on every street. Alley ways are in disrepair and over-grown with weeds and hanging trees making it almost impossible to pass. Should I mention that grading of the alleys is non-existent? Many sidewalks are broken and pose a real ‘fall’ risk to pedestrians while jogging and walking trails, well let me just say we have an abundant amount. Even though we may get grant dollars to build them, our tax dollars have to pay for maintenance and repair. Don’t get me wrong; I am an avid walker and years ago a passionate jogger but just how many trails does one need to maintain a healthy life?

The way I see it we elect folks so they will spend our tax dollars where they will do the most good for all citizens of the respective communities. So, to my way of thinking, the infrastructure of all communities should be the first priority since all tax payers use the infrastructure. We elect school board members to ensure our young folks get a good education. How are we doing in that department? Overall in the U.S. we are well behind other countries in the basic education subjects. I think we have an obligation to give each child a basic education. When they graduate they can read, write, do arithmetic, and know the history of our great country to include knowing what the Constitution is. That will give each child the ability for further education at a higher institution, if they so desire or it will give them the tools to go out and seek employment.

Elections do have consequences and not just any person who wants to run for office will do. We need civic-minded men and women who would like to serve their community for a term. We don’t need career politicians. We don’t need people who have an agenda or a special interest. We need folks to fill these very important positions who believe that less government is better government. Less rules and regulations means better government. I would ask that all our citizens search their hearts and be in prayer about serving as a council person or a school board person or even as mayor for at least a term. You can make a difference in our community.

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Good News for Times Such as These

With all the bad news in the headlines, I often receive emails asking about how to cope with stress and anger over the condition of the economy and the moral condition of the nation. Many are out of work and cannot find jobs. Interesting that with all the government programs, many do not qualify to even receive help for food or other essentials. A couple of people have written saying that they visited all the churches in their area and none would help them--this truly speaks to the condition of our nation. Still others are stressed over the non-ending wars and nation-building, the police state, the gloomy economy, the specter of homosexual marriage, and other declining issues of morality. How do we cope, they ask?

I have been writing about current events from a biblical world view nearly every day for 13 years and six months. The news has not improved. At one time, prophetically inspired events occurred once every couple of weeks. Now, there seem to be several per day. Time is truly accelerating. I have often written that we cannot stop the march of prophecy, but we can determine our place in it. Certainly my study of the end times suggests that things are not going to get better the closer we get to the return of Christ. I believe that the Lord has allowed my wife and I to experience very, very difficult times in the recent past to prepare us for the days ahead and to assist others as we experience those days.

The Holy Scriptures are the best means to cope.

In them, you will find tremendous wisdom and solace. While reading them regularly, you will grow closer in your relationship with God. For my wife, during her long and death-defying illness, Psalms gave her hope and comfort. The other day I was feeling the need to hear from my Father in heaven. I picked up my Bible and just thumbed through some pages. The one I settled on for no particular reason happened to be Ecclesiastes 3. This is the chapter where Solomon says there is a season for all things. Most know of these verses, but we are not quite so familiar with the ones that immediately follow. My eyes zoomed in on Verses 11-13:

“He (God) has made everything suited to its time; also he has given human beings an awareness of eternity; but in such a way that they can’t fully comprehend, from beginning to end, the things God does. I know that there is nothing better for them to do than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live. Still, the fact that everyone can eat and drink and enjoy the good that results from all his work, is a gift of God.” This connected with my spirit. The gift of life is from God and we should enjoy it no matter what is going on around us. Let’s not focus on the negatives, but rather on the gift of life and salvation. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. That’s good news we can count on!

Have a Blessed and Powerful Day!
Bill Wilson
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Uh, Oh. He Dun Dun It Agin!

Mike V. on Black Lives Matter

by Mike Vanderboegh,
Sipseystreet Irregulars

(Editor/GG: THIS IS A MUST READ. Best piece on race views I have read in years and years. The author, Mike Vanderboegh, came out from the moldy swamp in Alabama where he lives and marched with the Southern Colorado Patriots Club in last year’s July 4th parade. Mike is famous (or infamous) for helping to break the Fast and Furious scandal a few years ago and is the founder of the Three Percent Movement. Mike makes the point that race relations is a TWO-way street, something most minorities have forgotten or ignored. Sorry about the swear words (blanked out) - this was a live conversation.)

I had a run-in at a local thrift store (one of my favorite haunts) the other day with yet another black fellow wearing a “Black lives matter” tee-shirt. There’s nothing that sets me off like racial identity politics, black or white, so I said in a reasonable tone, “You know, I don’t want to pop your balloon, but ALL lives matter.” You could see he immediately got p****ed off, but before he could give me a rejoinder, I said, “That’s why God invented firearms,” and patted my right front pants pocket. He saw the gesture and said the first thing that came to his mind, “F*** you, m*****r.” I replied, still quite reasonably, “No, that’s what the pistol is preventing, but I’m serious, all lives matter, yours, mine, everybody’s, regardless of skin color. We all matter, don’t you agree?”

This gave him a bit of pause, not being used to being asked to think about life in terms other than that of slogans. “I’m talking about cops killing young black men,” he replied. “Oh, I know what you’re talking about, and I’m no fan of killer cops either, but when you put things in terms of race and race alone, you’re no better than the cowards of the Klan.”

“This ain’t about black or white, it’s about good versus evil and ALL lives matter.”

Now he just looked at me. “You know,” I said, “I’ve been fighting THOSE b*****ds all my life and I’ll tell you something, they are d****ed happy to see you adopt their way of thinking about life in pure racial terms. And I’ll tell you something else, they are happy as s**t to see y’all murdering each other by the bushel-full every d**n day. H**l, not even at the height of their power could they lynch you that fast. And I’ll tell you something else as well. The ghost of every Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and every wanna-be Neo-Nazi

fuehrer who ever lived laughs like h**l every morning when the abortion clinics open for business in your neighborhoods. They love white people killing black babies (and most abortionists are white) and they love black kids killing other black kids. H**l, y’all are putting ALL the lynchings of the Klan throughout history in the deep shade and you’re giving the Holocaust a run for its money (and here I raised my voice for the

the numbers stack up. Because, let me tell you something about white folks at their worst. When they get scared that people are trying to kill them just because of who they are, when they get p*****d off along racial lines, they don’t tear up their own neighborhoods or burn down their own communities like y’all do. They come to the neighborhoods of the people who threaten them and burn THEIR communities down and kill THEM. They have

Y’all are putting ALL the lynchings of the Klan throughout history in the deep shade and you’re giving the Holocaust a run for its money -- and you’re doing it all to yourselves.

first time) -- AND YOU’RE DOING IT ALL TO YOURSELVES. Lord knows that you’re good for comic relief in the parts of Hell that THEY inhabit. And the Devil does too.

He just gaped at me. And we were drawing a small crowd, mostly black women. And two of them were nodding.

“And when you put it in terms of ‘Black lives matter,’ that implies that white lives, and Asian lives, and Eskimo lives, and every other kind of lives, don’t matter. So we get the feeling that if this is all about some sort of race test that we can’t hope to pass to your satisfaction because of who we are, not how we act, then screw you buddy, we’re not gonna play that game. So the rest of us get the feeling that if our lives don’t matter then why the h**l should we care if you think ‘black lives matter?’ And it’s just a little ways from there for the rest of us to conclude that black lives DON’T matter either.”

“That’s right,” said one of the black ladies softly.

“So if you wanted a slogan that the Klan could understand and use to recruit with, well, brother, that’s it. So that slogan is either the worst kind of stupidity or the b*****d who thought it up is trying to separate you from your natural allies or get you killed, or both. I can’t think of another slogan more calculated to get an American Hitler elected, and I HATE Nazis.”

Everybody was quiet now, but I thought, what the heck, might as well give ‘em the whole sermon.

“And I’ll tell you something else” (I’m always telling somebody something else), “when I see these black racists of Farrakhan’s bunch talking about wanting a race war I’d say they haven’t looked at how

burned down whole CONTINENTS. And if you don’t believe me, just ask the Indians. So before you wear a slogan like THAT,” (and I pointed at his shirt), “you’d better think this s**t through. If you manage to make this all about race and some American Hitler decides to put y’all on railroad cars leading to some camp, me and my white-a**ed friends will have to be the ones out blowing up the train tracks to keep that from happening, and I’ll tell you, I’d really rather stay home than get shot at because somebody was stupid enough to buy into some racist’s idea of how to view the world.”

I concluded: “This ain’t about black or white, it’s about good versus evil and ALL lives matter.” “And,” I added, “you forget that at your own peril.” It seemed like a good time to walk away, so I did, leaving the cart behind. As I walked off, one of the black ladies said, “D**N!”

It was perhaps my finest extemporaneous speech (with the possible exception of the one I am told I gave after-hours in the militia commander’s tent in Texas that time back in the fall of ‘96, but I was drunk on Jameson’s Irish whiskey at the time and don’t remember a word).

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Colorado School District Reportedly Banned Teens From Meeting to Discuss God During the School Day *but There's a Major Update to the Story*

by Billy Hallowell,
TheBlaze.com

The Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal firm, is claiming that a Colorado school district will no longer ban students from praying together and discussing religious subjects during the school day, leading the organization to drop its lawsuit over the matter.

As TheBlaze previously reported, the firm filed a complaint last year on behalf of Chase Windebank, a senior at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, after he said that he was told that the separation of church and state barred religious speech during the school day.

Officials had purportedly told the teen that the informal faith gatherings that he had been hosting at the school could only unfold before classes start at 7:45 a.m. or afterward, starting at 2:45 p.m. When school leaders refused to back down from this stance, the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit, titled, Windebank v. Academy School District #20.

"Seminar at Pine Creek is not homeroom time. It is class time and it is considered instructional time," an attorney for the school district wrote last year, rebutting some of the law firm's claims. "No non-curricular clubs are permitted to meet during that time period at

Pine Creek High School."

Windebank and others would reportedly meet during a "seminar" period, which the district has now removed from the schedule for next year; students will now be allowed to pray and hold religious discussions during lunchtime, according to the Alliance Defending Freedom.

The law firm had argued that the seminar period, like lunchtime, was an open period that was similar to recess and that Windebank and his classmates should have every right to use that time to worship God as they see fit.

While the lawsuit has been withdrawn, the organization critiqued the decision to eliminate the seminar period altogether.

"While we commend the school district for recognizing that students have the right to pray and discuss religious topics during lunch, it could have shown greater respect both for the First Amendment freedoms of students and the educational process by simply allowing them to engage in religious conversations during the other free periods in the day rather than silence the speech of all students by eliminating that period altogether," Alliance Defending Freedom senior legal counsel Jeremy Tedesco said in a statement.

As TheBlaze previously reported, the previous

policy allowed pupils to leave class 15 minutes after homeroom period began on Mondays and Wednesdays, with students who had grades above a "D" being allowed to do the same on Fridays.

During this time, the Alliance Defending Freedom claimed that students could engage in activities ranging from sending text messages to reading. Windebank and his peers used this time to pray together and talk about religious subject matter.

But after three years of meeting on Mondays and Fridays in a choir room to pray, sing Christian music, and discuss their faith, an assistant principal reportedly told Windebank that the religious conversation would need to stop during the school day.

The legal firm alleges that this proclamation came down September 29th, with assistant principal James Lucas reportedly citing the "separation of church and state" as the reason why faith-based discussion would be restricted to before or after school.

For now, it appears the matter is settled.

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All Politics Is Local & North Carolina Just Proved It

by Onan Coca, *FreedomOutPost.com*

(Editor/GG: News Flash: It can be done. Note below that the conservative movement in North Carolina finally took over control of the state's Republican Party. They threw out the RINOS! Glory Be! We can do it here in Colorado. It starts at the town, city, and county level, folks. EVERY election counts. Take back our country from these narcissistic, self-serving, career "republican" statist who will sell their soul (and our country) to get re-elected. We don't have much time left.)

A few years ago conservative grassroots activists surprised the nation when we rose up together to protest the increase in spending, the creation of new regulations, the addition of new methods of taxation, and particularly, the possibility of Obamacare. The mainstream media and the establishment quickly got used to seeing Tea Party activists everywhere they went – at Town Hall meetings, at local speeches, and just about anytime the politicians came home, we were there to question them about these horrible policies being handed from Washington. Many of us smelled change in the air, how could they ignore millions of us

across the country protesting and demonstrating as one? But ignore us they did.

Sure, we got a few electoral victories here and there; Mike Lee in Utah, Rand Paul in Kentucky, Ted Cruz in Texas, Marco Rubio in Florida, Scott Brown in Massachusetts (yuck) and many more in the House... but has it really changed anything? I don't think so.

The problem is that while we were active publicly and on the national level, we forgot that real change starts in our communities and in our state. From home we can build a platform to affect change on a greater level, but without first winning locally, any gains we make nationally will be short-lived. For example, we might win a big victory like getting a Tea Party senator elected... but what good will that do if our state leadership is beholden to the establishment and only willing to allow establishment candidates the chance to run for office? Sooner or later that one Tea Party voice will get drowned out.

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What we need to do is first win our states, then launch our assault on the national establishment... and one state is showing us the way.

Grassroots conservatives won a major victory this past weekend when in North Carolina the conservative base won stunning victories over the GOP establishment for control of the state party!

In what has been described as a political earthquake, conservative grassroots party activists took control of the North Carolina Republican Party on Saturday at the state party convention in Raleigh, handily winning both of the races up for election, chairman and vice chairman.

The conservative grassroots proved to be more interested in changing the system and dumping the moderate/liberal establishment than continuing to allow the party to operate as a "lite" version of the Democrat Party. The establishment backed favorites in both the race for chairman and vice chairman of the state party were soundly defeated by conservatives with little or no support from party leaders.

In the chairman's race, con-

servative Hasan Harnett of Cabarrus County became the party's first black state chairman as he defeated the establishment's Craig Collins by a vote of 700 to 562*...

The vice chairman's race was a very clear cut ideological contest, and conservative Michele Nix, three-term county GOP chairman of Lenoir County easily triumphed in a landslide over establishment candidate John Lewis, former 8th Congressional district party chairman...

Historically, the North Carolina Republican Party used to pride itself in operating from the bottom up rather than the top down, but that had changed for the last two decades where a small group of party insiders repeatedly anointed a new state party chairman every time there was a vacancy. Now the party is back to its roots and back under the control of the grassroots party activists.

Now we need other states to follow North Carolina's example and then we'll start seeing some real political change.

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Colorado Enviro Hangover: Craig Store Stops Selling Beer Brand That Funds Local Job Losses

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Too bad, really like Fat Tire. No more. Nothing wrong with conservation. But when you use it to destroy our jobs, then you've crossed the line. Vote with your wallet.)

The chickens are finally coming home to roost for New Belgium Brewery, the beer company that the Peak has railed against since 2012 for being hyperpartisan. *Craig Daily Press* is reporting that local liquor stores are pulling New Belgium products, as well as several other beer companies, from its shelves after it was discovered that the companies were funding Wild Earth Guardians, which is suing to close down a coal mine in Craig, Colorado. The loss of the coal mine would devastate the area as it employs approximately 200 people and provides countless other economic benefits.

Craig liquor store owner Lori Gillam told the *Craig Daily Press* why she and other local liquor stores are protesting the funders:

"We pulled those beers because their support of WildEarth Guardians... who said their ultimate goal is to shut down coal mines. Craig is a coal mine town."

It's about time people woke up to New Belgium's political meddling. In response to Craig's economic protest, New Belgium offered this statement:

"At New Belgium Brewing, we support non-profit partners who advocate for healthy watersheds. Wild Earth Guardians first contacted New Belgium in 2008 seeking grant money for restoration projects along the Colorado River. We supported these efforts because Colorado businesses, residents, and the environment are dependent upon sound water management," according to the press release. "Specific to any work Wild Earth Guardians has done regarding the ColoWyo and Trapper mines, we were unaware of it at the time and that is outside the scope of our grant allocations. We have no further funding pending at this time."

This is complete and utter c**p. New Belgium prides itself on only hiring left-leaning individuals and has engaged in countless job-killing activities. For example, in 2012, New Belgium's chief told the *Wall Street Journal*:

"In Colorado, executives at New Belgium Brewing Company have made their political views public. Indeed, CEO Kim Jordan attended the Democratic Convention in Charlotte earlier this year. Favored candidates have also been permitted to hold events at the brewery.

Still, "we try to be really careful to allow everyone to have their own opinion," says Jenn Vervier, the director of sustainability and strategic

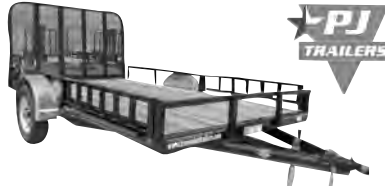


planning at the 450-employee company. Because the company considers "cultural fit" when hiring, she says, most staffers tend to agree on partisan issues."

Then, in 2013, New Belgium signed a letter along with 25 other brewers protesting fracking because it was concerned about water quality, despite the fact that there has never been a documented case of fracking contaminating drinking water.

We would like to believe New Belgium as it pleads ignorance on this matter, but New Belgium has over and over engaged in job-killing, irrational environmental demands. No crying into their beer now.

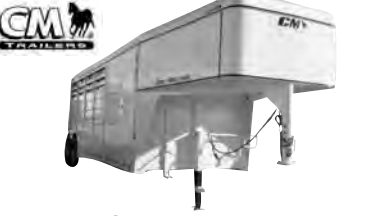
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Maine: The Second Amendment Is Your Gun Permit!

by Onan Coca,
FreedomOutPost.com

(Editor/GG: *It can be done.*)

In an amazing and perhaps a bit surprising win for freedom, the legislators in the deeply purple state of Maine have just passed a bill that would abolish the need for concealed carry permits and allow residents (over the age of 21) to carry firearms freely. From EagleRising.com:

The 83-62 vote increases the likelihood that Maine will become only the seventh state that allows a person to carry a concealed handgun without a permit. The legislation has the backing of Re-

publicans and Democrats, including 15 Democrats in the House. The bill also has 96 co-sponsors, more than half the members of the Legislature, and the blessing of some members of the Republican and Democratic leadership.

In the Senate, the bill passed on Friday a 23-12 vote. More votes are required in the Senate before the bill moves forward for procedural reasons and because the House adopted two amendments to the bill. One would require anyone under age 21 to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon. The other would require a person carrying a concealed gun to tell a police officer if they're in possession

of a weapon during a traffic stop.

Governor Paul LePage is expected to sign the bill if the Legislature passes it.

Of course, the new law has its detractors among the doom and gloom gun grabber society. Tom Franklin, who is the President of Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence, is predicting mayhem and anarchy in the streets of Maine.

"Maine is becoming a state in which we are increasingly becoming subject to more risks in favor of protecting personal liberties. In my view, it has gone too far."

And Representative Janice Cooper (D) believes that this new law will make all Mainers begin to live in fear of the coming Apocalypse.

"This will lead to a darkening of our society that we should not encourage in any way. It might not lead to a wave of violence, I'm not predicting that ... but there will be a wave of paranoia."

I believe that the only paranoia that Cooper needs to worry about is the paranoia living in her own fear-ridden mind.

The state will still require background checks for all gun owners, meaning that the only people

who will legally be able to purchase firearms will be upstanding members of the Maine community. Lifting restrictions on carrying will not make it easier for criminals, nor will it raise the rate of violence in their communities.

This new law changes nothing other than allowing the people of Maine the freedom to exercise a right that was already theirs.

I say, 'Well Done' to the legislators in Maine.

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Cancer Survivor with Concealed Carry Permit Drives Off FIVE Home Invaders in Detroit

by Bob Owens, *Bearing-Arms.com*

By the nature, most criminals are craven predators, preferring to target those that they see as being weaker. Unfortunately, known survivors of

long or chronic illnesses are often targeted by home invaders hoping to score prescription narcotics.

That was the likely motive early yesterday morning when a band of robbers forced their way into Di-

etta Gueye's house and started shooting.

They quickly discovered that while her body may have been weakened by cancer, she retained the will to fight:

She was in bed when five men burst through her windows at 2:30 a.m. But they didn't know that Dietta was locked and loaded and not afraid to start firing.

Dietta got her CPL three years ago when her house was robbed. After hearing the men come in, she grabbed her gun and started firing.

"Imagine being woke up out of your sleep with somebody (holding) a gun in your face," she told FOX 2's Amy Lange. "My first reaction was survival. My first thought was shoot."

She was tucked into bed and sound asleep, when the first man crashed through her bedroom window.

It's likely he nor the men that followed knew she was in there or that she had a gun.

She said they avoided the backyard, where the dogs were kept and climbed through using a crate to get into the front window. She couldn't see, and said that they had taken the light bulb from the front porch.

But she didn't need sight to grab her gun. It was by her side, in her bed.

"As soon as I was able to feel the barrel of my gun - I shot - and I was shooting," Dietta said.

At least one of them was shooting back as they were trying to flee the house and one tried to escape through an upstairs window. When he couldn't get out, he came back down the stairs and fired one last shot that went through Dietta's thigh.

"The bullet, it went in and it came out," she said.

After battling and beating cancer, Dietta's response to the through-and-through bullet wound was more or less, "meh."

She's part of a tough breed of women concealed carriers in Detroit whom we have featured frequently at Bearing Arms as they take on band of young male criminals and typically succeed. We wrote about another tough Detroit lady who drove off a trio of carjackers last week, a grandmother who shot her way out of an attempted robbery last year, and a retired nurse who took on an angry mob to save the victim of a racial attack.

Almost a year ago Detroit Police Chief James Craig gave credit to concealed carriers like these brave women for helping drive a dramatic reduction in violent crime.

While the mainstream media seeks to discount and minimize these stories, good people with

guns and courage stop bad people with guns and criminal intent on a regular basis, typically dozens to hundreds or even thousands of times every day. Most of the time the mere displayed presence of a firearm is enough to drive the predators away. Many times police reports aren't even filed. Even when police reports are filed, only a handful of hundreds or thousands of defensive guns uses make even the local media, and typically then only when shots are fired and injuries result.

Good people with guns make a difference.

Good people with guns and solid training often end criminal careers.

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Alleged Kidnappers of Handgun Competitor: 1 Dead, 1 Corrections Officer

by Dean Weingarten,
GunWatch.Blogspot.Com

A couple of weeks ago, two armed criminals kidnapped a doctor at gun point. They did not realize that their intended prey was also a combat handgun competitor who was loading guns and ammunition into his vehicle. They forced him to take his vehicle to an ATM, where they extracted money. Then they made a critical mistake. They threatened his wife. Accessing a handgun in the door of his vehicle, he shot and killed one of the suspects, Edwin Robinson. The other suspect has been captured. He turned out to be Andre Kennedy.

On Wednesday, Corrections Commissioner Marshall Fisher approved

immediate suspension without pay of a correctional officer charged in a kidnapping, armed robbery, and homicide that occurred in Jackson, Mississippi, on Saturday morning.

Fisher learned after Andre Kennedy's arrest that Kennedy is one of 520 officers working at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County.

Kennedy, 22, was hired in January 2014.

He is charged with capital murder, robbery, and kidnapping in a case involving an Eastover homeowner.

His partner in crime was shot and killed in what police are calling justi-

fiable homicide.

The story has been moving at light-speed all around the gun culture on the Internet. Gun Watch carried an excerpt and link to the early story. Now we have confirmation that the shooter was a doctor and combat handgun competitor.

Massad Ayoob calls this a fatal mistake in the victim selection process. I suspect the good doctor carries more frequently, now.

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Scholars Blast U.S. History Rewrite

by Joy Pullman,
The Heartland Institute

(Editor/GG: This has been going on for decades. This A.P. History curriculum is just the latest left wing effort. You wonder why our children have no respect for our heritage? And why do our educators, at all levels (including here in Westcliffe where the school board has adopted a lot of the completely discredited Common Core program) endorse these anti-American studies? They KNOW it is socialist propaganda. Yet, they still buy it. Why?)

Fifty-five top historians have signed an open letter criticizing the College Board's revamp of its Advanced Placement U.S. history curriculum, in which half a million of the nation's brightest students enroll each year. It is the final U.S. history class many ever take.

The National Association of Scholars, which coordinated the letter, notes: "Lynne Cheney, Bruce Cole, Patrick J. Deneen, Robert George, Leon Kass, Victor Davis Hanson, and Harvey Mansfield signed the letter, among several dozen other prominent scholars." Their letter says:

The College Board's 2014 Advanced Placement Examination shortchanges students by imposing on them an arid, fragmentary, and misleading account of American history. We favor instead a robust, vivid, and con-

tent-rich account of our unfolding national drama, warts and all, a history that is alert to all the ways we have disagreed and fallen short of our ideals, while emphasizing the ways that we remain one nation with common ideals and a shared story.

stitutions in light of America's constitutional commitment to limited government, individual liberty, and equality under law.

Academic integrity would require the College Board to improve and un-bias its rewrite. A central reason it

By obscuring this nation's founding principles and promise, the College Board's U.S. history guidelines will erode the next generation's disposition to preserve what is best in the American political tradition.

The College Board has so far dismissed critics of its curricular rewrite as nitpicking, right-wing rubes. It turns out serious, credible scholars agree with the critics. This means people like Stanford University scholar Peter Berkowitz are right to forecast trouble for America if College Board retains its curricular monopoly over high-school classes that can lead to college credit. He writes:

By obscuring this nation's founding principles and promise, the College Board's U.S. history guidelines will erode the next generation's disposition to preserve what is best in the American political tradition. It will also weaken students' ability to improve our laws and political in-

would not is that the College Board is a monopoly provider locked into many American schools by exclusive contracts with states and schools. So it's not susceptible to market pressure. It's susceptible to and can itself wield political pressure. The best way to ensure private entities like the College Board cannot dictate to local schools the opportunities they can offer students is for at least one other competitor to arise and challenge the College Board with better products.

Any takers?

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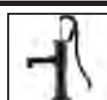
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Obama's EPA Regulations: 6,552x As Long as Constitution 46x As Long as Bible

by Ali Meyer,
CNSNews.com

(Editor/GG: Exactly what the founding fathers warned us about. An out-of-control federal government. How can any business survive in this statist morass? How can we compete globally? Why are the liberals destroying American businesses?)

Since President Barack Obama took office on January 20, 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued 3,373 new final regulations, equaling 29,770 pages in the Federal Register and totaling approximately 29,770,000 words, according to a count of the regulations published in the Federal Register.

The Gutenberg Bible is only 1,282 pages and 646,128 words. This means the new EPA regulations issued by the Obama Administration contain 23 times as many pages as the Bible and 46 times as many words.

The Federal Register publishes documents, including proposed rules, notices, interim rules, corrections, drafts of final rules and final rules. The CNSNews.com tabulation included only final rules from the EPA.

CNSNews.com found 3,373 distinct rules published by the EPA since January 20, 2009 covering greenhouse gases, air quality, emissions, and hazardous substances, to name a few.

To give an example, on January 13, 2015, the EPA released a final rule entitled, "Definition of Solid Waste," which totaled 122 pages and was issued to revise "recycling-related provisions associated with the definition of solid waste used to determine hazardous waste regulation."

The Obama EPA regulations have 27 times as many words as the entire Harry Potter book series, which includes seven books with 1,084,170 words.

The EPA regulations have more than double the number of words of the Obamacare regulations, which have 11,588,500 words and are 78 times as many words as the Obamacare law itself, which contains 381,517 words.

The EPA regulations, to date, have 6,552 times as many words as the U.S. Constitution, which has 4,543 words, including the signatures; the regs also have 20,418 times as many words as the Declaration of

Independence, which has 1,458 words including signatures.

Over the course of Obama's presidency, the EPA has greatly expanded its regulatory overreach. In President Obama's first year in office in 2009, the EPA issued 365 regulations, averaging one rule per day. In 2010, the EPA issued 454 regulations and in 2011, the EPA issued 557 regulations.

The number of rules issued during the Obama years peaked in 2012 with 646 final rules issued--76.9 percent more than issued in Obama's first year. In 2013, the EPA issued 548 regulations and in 2014 the EPA issued 564 regulations.

So far, in 2015, the EPA has issued 241 regulations.

The EPA has issued 3,373 regulations over the 1,665 business days since President Obama took office. This means that the EPA has issued an average of about 2 regulations per work day, Monday through Friday, during Obama's presidency.

There have been 2,329 calendar days since Obama has taken office, meaning the EPA has issued an average of about 1.45 regulations per calendar day.

To get an approximate word count for the EPA rules in the Federal Register, CNSNews.com evaluated a few random rules from the 3,373 EPA regulations published since Obama took office. In these rules, as published in the Federal Register, each page averaged approximately 1,000 words. From this, CNSNews.com calculated that the 29,770 pages in the 3,373 new final EPA rules issued during the Obama administration equal 29,770,000 words.

This is only an approximation because some pages in the Federal Register carry more words than others, and some regulations end in the beginning or middle of a page. For example, one of the regulations was five-pages long and totaled 5,586 words, an average of 1,117 words per page.

Another regulation was three-pages long and 3,150 words, which averaged to 1,050 words per page.

Another rule was four-pages long and 4,426 words, or an average 1,106 words per page.

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Politics & The Bible

From Pastor Jim

Jim Modlish has been in the ministry 48 years, pastoring churches large and small from upstate New York to western Washington. He holds a doctorate in theology, but frequently states: "I have education, but I got over it."

Southern Colorado natives, Jim and his wife, Linda, were happy to return to their home state in 2006. They started the Huerfano Community Bible Church in Walsenburg six years ago, and that work has experienced excellent growth and

the blessings of God. Pastor Modlish believes the Bible is the greatest political science textbook on earth, and that all current events should be examined under the searchlight of Scripture.



Are the Police The Real Problem?

There are some occasions recorded in the Scriptures where governmental authority is legitimately rejected and disobeyed. If the ordinances of man are crosswise with God's, the Believer is always to take the high road. These circumstances are, however, the exception rather than the rule. Anyone adept at the art of argument knows that the deviation needs to be framed as an overwhelming practice; hence, all cops are rogue and hate minorities...just ask Rev. Al. In truth, the percentage of bad police is in all probability far less than worthless members of Congress, lawyers, or even preachers. So why are all the words of wrath being directed toward members of the law enforcement community?

These keepers of the peace represent the frontline of defense against criminal activity which necessitates a certain amount of authority being vested in them. Without that power their presence would be neutralized and society would be left to the whims and wishes of thugs and desperados. Does Baltimore ring any bells? When this kind of resentment defies common sense, a finger of logic points to an invisible troublemaker: the first one in recorded history to rebel against divine jurisdiction. Lucifer made a conscious decision to elevate himself to the position of final authority thus declaring himself to be God (Isaiah 14:14). Presently occupying the position of the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4), his attitudes have filtered into every segment of society including politics, education, and religion. Satan's disposition of defiance has trickled into entertainment resulting in polluted homes of civilization, even a large white house.

The top down approach has always enjoyed great success which leads the serious student of history and current events to ask, "Who is really out of control, the local police or much higher-ups?" When a president publicly chastises the Supreme Court, ignores Congress, and resists all authority but his own, a recipe for imitation is coming out of the oven. No matter how sophisticated the mutiny, the good ship America is listing severely to the portside.

If authority needs to be challenged, where should we begin...with the privates and sergeants on the street or the hierarchy who set the tone of resistance? Two hundred and thirty-nine years ago men of high intellect and godly character knew that the final control of government must rest in a written document that would transcend the brevity of

life, the emotions of mankind, or an agenda of antipathy. The founders understood the real difficulty was not the British soldier on patrol but a king who revered only himself. George failed to recognize that even a king must be held accountable for the well-being of his subjects, forcing the colonists to grapple with the great question of the rights of man, and especially their controversy about those rights with the mother country. Things were heating up by the time Rev. Gad Hitchcock of Pembroke preached on May 25, 1774, from Proverbs 29:2.... "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." With the Boston Tea Party of the previous autumn and the expected British reprisals on everyone's mind, Pastor Hitchcock blasted His Majesty's Council, Gov. Hutchinson and all; his concluding remarks were as follows:

"Our danger is not visionary but real; our contention is not about trifles, but about liberty and property, and not ours only, but those of posterity to the latest generation.

If I am mistaken in supposing plans are formed and executing, subversive of our natural and chartered rights and privileges, and incompatible with every idea of liberty, all America is mistaken with me. Our continued complaints, our repeated humble, but fruitless, unregarded petitions and remonstrances are at once indications of our sufferings, and the feeling sense we have of them.

Let the governor in his chair of state hear it, we not only mourn, but with groanings that cannot be uttered, and all because the wicked rule. The castle can not shelter him from that scorching thunderbolt. Families are divided, brother is arrayed against brother, friend against friend. Society is cut from its moorings, and hate and consternation reign on every side, and all because the wicked bear rule. King George may say the evils that produce this state of things are imaginary, but I tell you and I tell the tyrant to his face, it is because the wicked rule."

This was the last sermon Governor Hutchinson ever heard in America. Having been formally recalled by Parliament, he boarded the Minerva on June 1st for his ignoble return to England. The similarities between then and now are so profound that to ignore them is folly indeed. The unseen hand that guides seditious thoughts bothers little with the bearers of the badge but rather lurks in the shadows of the upper echelons of the egocentric.

A Sheepdog Barks!

Last Saturday, June 13th, a sad event happened in America when HiLIARy "launched" her campaign for President of the United States (aka POTUS). Actually it was a "relaunch" as she had already announced her candidacy on social media. She not only wants to be the first woman POTUS, she wants to be even more "hip" than her friend Barack. I thought we might "discuss" her speech, trite phrases, worthless platitudes, false promises, and lies as she attempts to convince enough Americans she has the qualifications for and can be trusted to be the POTUS. This garbage dumpster worth of poppycock and intentional lies is enough to give a sheepdog a sore throat. WOOF! (x10)

Obama made these same old, same old LPSP promises and hasn't delivered because it's not possible. These recurring promises from liberal progressives would cost Trillions and Trillions of dollars but they don't mention how they plan to get that money. They only have ONE way – Taxes. Yep, imagine that. Another LPSP POTUS that plans to raise taxes, WOOF! She mentions "more money" only once in her speech and in a very cleverly disguised manner; "And we will make America the clean energy superpower of the 21st Century...using additional fees (aka illegal taxes) and royalties from fossil fuel extraction to protect the environment..." Did you catch all the little lies and distortions in that little exchange? Here's what she really said in LPSP language. "We'll gut the oil and coal industries to gain the revenue we need to invest in more Solyndras and other high-cost energy sources which will cause the cost of electricity to skyrocket out of control and hurt all the families in America because I want to "protect" the environment." This is exactly what she meant to say only using code language that most gullible people embrace. WOOF!

She cited President Roosevelt about "Equality of Opportunity." That's what all Americans already have – opportunity. What the LPSPs want and really mean is Equality of "Outcomes." She reminded us that Roosevelt also said, "Security for those that need it." LPSPs like HiLIARy want security for everyone. She also quoted him saying, "The ending of special privilege for the few."

The modern day LPSPs want special privileges for every separate class of American – illegals, LGBTQs, etc. The list doesn't end when it comes to their voting base. WOOF!

HiLIARy also made this ridiculous comment: "When President Obama honored the bargain (Roosevelt's) we pulled back from the brink of Depression, saved the auto industry, provided health care to 16 million working people and replaced jobs we lost faster than after a financial crisis." Reread that sentence and think about it. Most economists say this is the slowest recovery ever after a recession (and it was a recession not a depression). The American economy would have recovered better and faster if the government and Obama would have stayed out of it. And Obamacare did not provide health care to 16 million working people. Most that have gained coverage have been non-working Americans being subsidized by taxpayer money or placed on government provided Medicaid. Completely misleading claims of the LPSP gains! WOOF! Here are some one-liners she made for us to laugh at:

"I'm running to make our economy work for you and every American." Not possible for her to do that. Our capitalistic and free market system doesn't and won't ever work for everyone. Only those that truly work hard. WOOF!

"I'm not running for some Americans, but for all Americans." Once again not even remotely possible. She is clearly not running for this sheepdog or Tea Party Americans. She is opposed to everything we believe in. WOOF!

"There may be some new voices in the presidential Republican choir, but they are all singing the same old song – Yesterday." Maybe that's true but this sheepdog longs for the America of Yesterday. Yesterday was when America had some moral standards. Yesterday was when Americans didn't expect the government to do everything for them. Yesterday was when abortion wasn't legal. Yesterday was when America cherished the traditional family and "hooking up" wasn't the norm. Yesterday was when we included God in our government and in our schools. Yesterday was when marriage was between one man and



one woman. Yesterday was when one reaped the benefits of one's hard work. Yesterday was when there was personal responsibility. You bet yesterday was a good thing. America is fast becoming a stinking mass of immorality without God. WOOF!

"I will rewrite the tax code..." That is just a bald face lie. WOOF!

"Let's make college affordable and available to all." More tax money for our youth to waste in college. Most don't need college, they need a marketable skill. WOOF!

"Now the second fight is to strengthen America's families, because when our families are strong, America is strong." Actually that's true, but LPSPs are doing everything they can to destroy families. WOOF!

"As your president, I will do whatever it takes to keep America safe." LIAR, she didn't keep the Americans in Benghazi safe, did she? WOOF!

"I've stood up to adversaries like Putin..." BS! You mean with the reset button? Another big lie! WOOF!

"I was in the Situation Room on the day we got Bin Laden." SO WHAT? Who's 'we,' HiLIARy? You surely mean they, the military, got Bin Laden? WOOF!

"Government is never going to have all the answers – but it has to be smarter, simpler, more efficient, and a better partner." Notice she didn't say smaller and less intrusive. WOOF!

"And we can renew the promise of our democracy." She just doesn't get it. None of the LPSPs get it. WOOF!

Bottom line – We don't need another Clinton in the White House. PERIOD! Next week: Jeb Bush announces – we don't need another Bush in the White House either. WOOF!

May God Have Mercy On America! JMH



Colorado: Most Partisan Ever? New Supreme Court Possibility Raises Eyebrows?

by ColoradoPeakPolitics.com

(Editor/GG: Do you think the Colorado Supreme Court is left wing now? Do you think your U.S. and Colorado Constitutional gun rights are safe? There is no rule of law left. The judges make the law. The article asks the question, "It's puzzling that she could even make it through the nominating commission." Oh, really. When you control the process, you determine the winner. A left wing stacked "commission" will produce left wing, partisan, nominees. "We the people" is no more.)

Before the newest Colorado Supreme Court nomination gets out of hand, we thought it would be a good idea to take a look at University of Colorado Law Professor Melissa Hart. Hart would undoubtedly be the most partisan selection Coloradans have seen on the court as Hart has spent the last decade as a partisan activist and candidate. In addition to running her own campaign for CU Regent, she's also run several initiative campaigns, taking thousands from teachers unions and other arms of the Democrat Party. In fact, it's puzzling that she could even make it through the nominating commission.

Her contributions show her inherent Democratic leanings. She's given over \$8,600 to Democratic candidates and causes. These include the Democrat Party and, even, the Blue-

flower Fund, to which the casual donor just does not donate. In case you, Peak-Nation, are not familiar with the BlueFlower Fund, it raises money to give to "Democratic, pro-choice women candidates". The candidates she's supported are not exactly middle of the road either – they're the Democratic insider's choice. Here are some of the candidates she's contributed to:

- Rep. Pabon – \$400
- Rep. Kagan – \$400
- Sen. Carroll – \$100
- Gov. Hickenlooper – \$1,225
- Joe Neguse – \$1,100

She has not given a single penny to any GOP candidates or causes. Her activism would certainly leave Coloradans with little confidence on her decisions on the bench, especially since she'll be voting on reapportionment and redistricting in a couple years, not to mention key education decisions and any upcoming title board challenges.

But, perhaps even worse than her partisanship, however, is her clear bias against business. Her CV is riddled with publications demonizing employers in favor of (sometimes) frivolous employment discrimination cases. Here are a few of her publications and speeches:

- Implicit Bias in Employment Litigation
- The State-by-State Assault on Equal Opportunity
- Will Employment Discrimination Class Actions Survive?

- Chained to Office Politics: Liberty Loses When Companies Herd Workers into 'Captive Meetings (Wait, is she advocating for fewer waste-of-time meetings? This actually sounds good. Unless we're suing for our bosses holding us hostage in meetings as a form of discrimination....)
- Separation of Church and State in Contested Political Times
- From FlashMobs to Facebook: When Should Government Limit Social Media? (The only correct answer to this is never.)
- Unconscious Bias at Work and in Court
- Pay Disparity and Structural Inequalities

This lady makes Sen. Morgan Carroll, no friend to business for sure, look like an advocate for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This nomination should be nipped in the bud. Hart sounds like a brilliant lawyer, but can Colorado afford an activist Supreme Court judge that seems to have an inherent bias against companies as the state economy recovers and grows? Or, better, can Colorado families afford her?

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Number of Toddlers Being Exposed to Marijuana Skyrockets

by Jonah Bennett, Daily Caller News Foundation, DailyCaller.com

(Editor/GG: Hey, Silver Cliff Town Council: Wake Up. Your reefer fix is just down the road in Canon City or Pueblo West. Is 30 minutes too long or does your whole life evolve around being stoned? (Oh, I forgot. It's all about you and screw the rest of the county. Typical liberals). We don't need it here. Our children have enough problems without pot stores or pot grows around the block. Grow up and act like responsible adults. Your behavior is disgraceful. Your irresponsible and selfish actions will negatively impact the whole county. Your public statements on pot studies are intentionally false, at least be honest about the facts. For example, see below.)

A study released Monday indicates that as looser policy attitudes toward marijuana become standard across the U.S., the number of very young children exposed to the drug continues to surge.

For most people in the debate on marijuana legalization, discussion on crime rates and the economic benefits of legalization takes a much more prom-

inent role. But the study published in the journal *Clinical Pediatrics* notes an incredible increase in exposure among 5-year-old children and younger totaling 147.5 percent, *Time* reports.

This increase occurred from 2006 to 2013. From 2000 to 2013, poison control centers reported a total sample size of 1,969 children exposed to the drug. Approximately 75 percent of children were under three.

States that allowed legal medical marijuana before 2000 saw an increase in exposure of 600 percent.

Part of the problem, according to researchers at the Nationwide Children's Hospital, is that marijuana now comes in forms much more attractive to children because adults often want to avoid the harsh and unpleasant effects of smoke on the lungs.

"The high percentage of ingestions may be related to the popularity of marijuana brownies, cookies, and other foods," said Henry Spiller, a co-author of the study. "Very young children explore their environments by putting items in their mouths, and foods such

as brownies and cookies are attractive."

Upon exposure, some children fall into comas and others experience seizures and decreased breathing as a result of THC, which is the main psychoactive component of the drug. Of the children exposed, 18 percent were hospitalized.

What's especially worrying for childhood exposure is that the potency of THC has slowly increased over the past 40 years, sometimes leading to anxiety attacks and even comas in adults, as well.

"Any state considering marijuana legalization needs to include child protection in its laws from the very beginning," Gary Smith, senior author of the study, told *Science Daily*.

Some recommendations include mandating specific packaging requirements already used by manufacturers of dangerous chemicals, such as child-resistant packaging and packaging that doesn't allow children to see the contents.

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Commencement Is Not About That

by Karl Denninger, Market-Ticker.org

(Editor/GG: Another classic example of what the homosexual movement is all about.)

Give me a break. (Foxnews.com):

DENVER Under pressure from a congressman, the Colorado school that stopped a valedictorian from delivering a commencement speech in which he planned to come out as gay has asked outside lawyers to review what happened.

Denver lawyer Barry Arrington, who is representing Twin Peaks Charter Academy board in Longmont, said in a letter to Democratic U.S. Rep. Jared Polis that the school is hiring a law firm to look into the case. Polis had called for an independent investigation after school officials initially announced their probe would be internal and bristled at suggestions they had violated the rights of 18-year-old Evan Young because of his sexual orientation.

If you're tapped to speak as valedictorian, the purpose of your speech is about achievement and forward thinking for your class. It's not about you.

Oh, sure, anecdotes of various sorts that are related to you certainly become part of the material. That's what a motivational speech is, and that's the general tone of such an address.

But to take such an event and turn it into a "ceremony" about your sexual orientation is an outrage.

This only makes the news because this guy is gay. If someone who was valedictorian spent his (or her!) address making it all about his or her boy/girlfriend as a heterosexual individual that person would have also had their speech quashed and nobody would have thought a thing about it.

I don't care whether you're gay, straight, or can't figure it out. That's between you and whoever you choose to sleep with. But this garbage about turning one's sexuality into a **public parade** is an outrageous display of hedonism *at other people's expense* and were the person doing it not "transgendered", "gay" or whatever the favored thing of the day was everyone would turn up their nose and erect the middle finger.

Well, folks, the test of whether you're a bigot or not is whether you will erect that finger **equally toward all** who wish to pervert an event that is supposed to be about *everyone in attendance* and a celebration of their achievement as a group into a hedonistic and self-congratulatory exercise in passing themselves around the crowd for a social reach-around.

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